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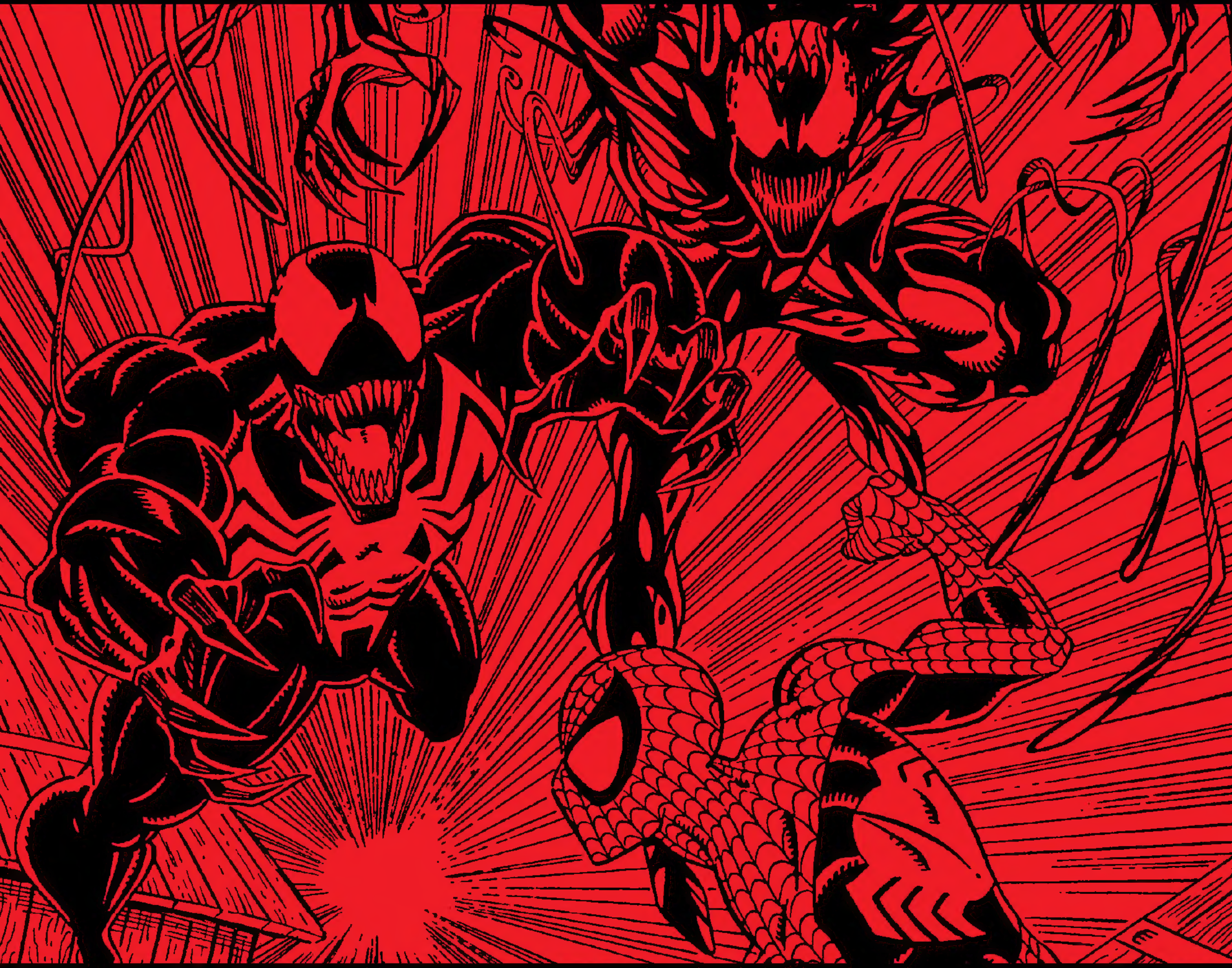

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THE ORIGIN OF CARNAGE BEGAN WHEN EDDIE BROCK, FORMERLY THE VILLAIN CALLED VENOM, WAS IMPRISONED WITH MURDERER KLETUS CASADY IN THIS EXCERPT FROM *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #344*...

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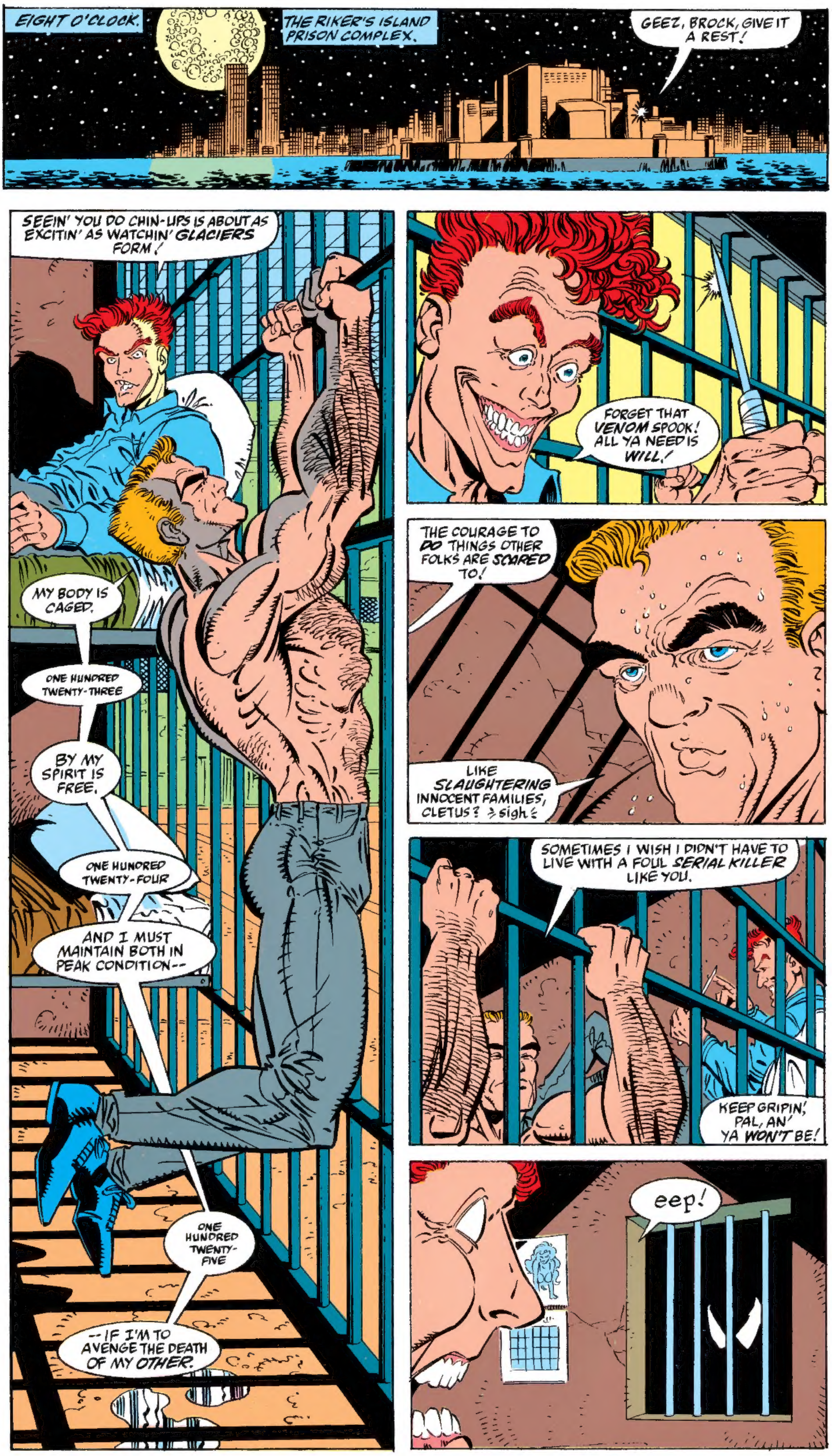
EIGHT O'CLOCK.
THE RIKER'S ISLAND PRISON COMPLEX.
GEEZ, BROCK, GIVE IT A REST!
SEEIN' YOU DO CHIN-UPS IS ABOUT AS EXCITIN' AS WATCHIN' GLACIERS FORM!
MY BODY IS CAGED.
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE
BY MY SPIRIT IS FREE.
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR
AND I MUST MAINTAIN BOTH IN PEAK CONDITION--
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE
--IF I'M TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF MY OTHER.
FORGET THAT VENOM SPOOK! ALL YA NEED IS WILL!
THE COURAGE TO DO THINGS OTHER FOLKS ARE SCARED TO!
LIKE SLAUGHTERING INNOCENT FAMILIES, CLETUS? sigh
SOMETIMES I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO LIVE WITH A FOUL SERIAL KILLER LIKE YOU.
KEEP GRIPIN', PAL, AN' YA WON'T BE!
eep!

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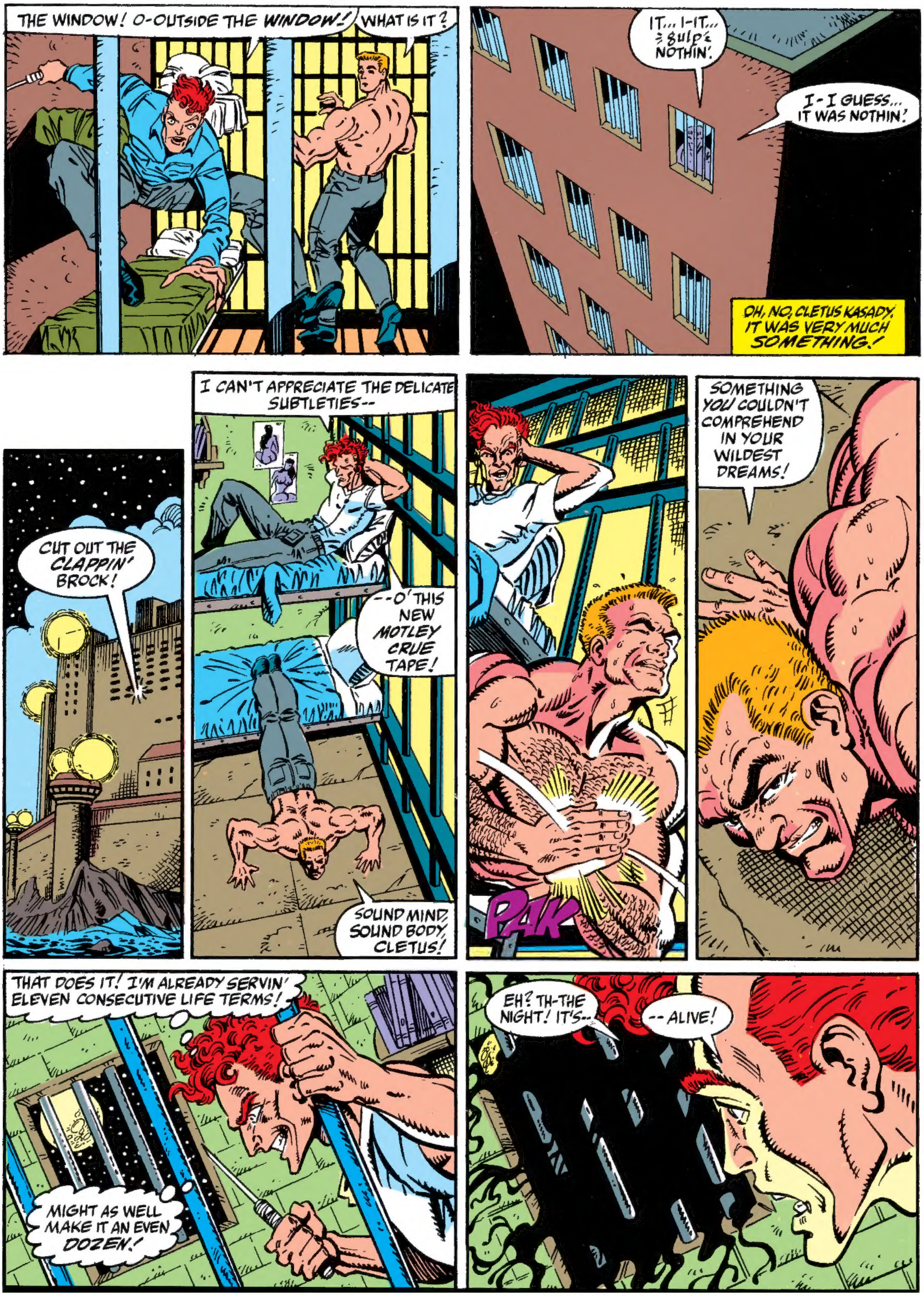
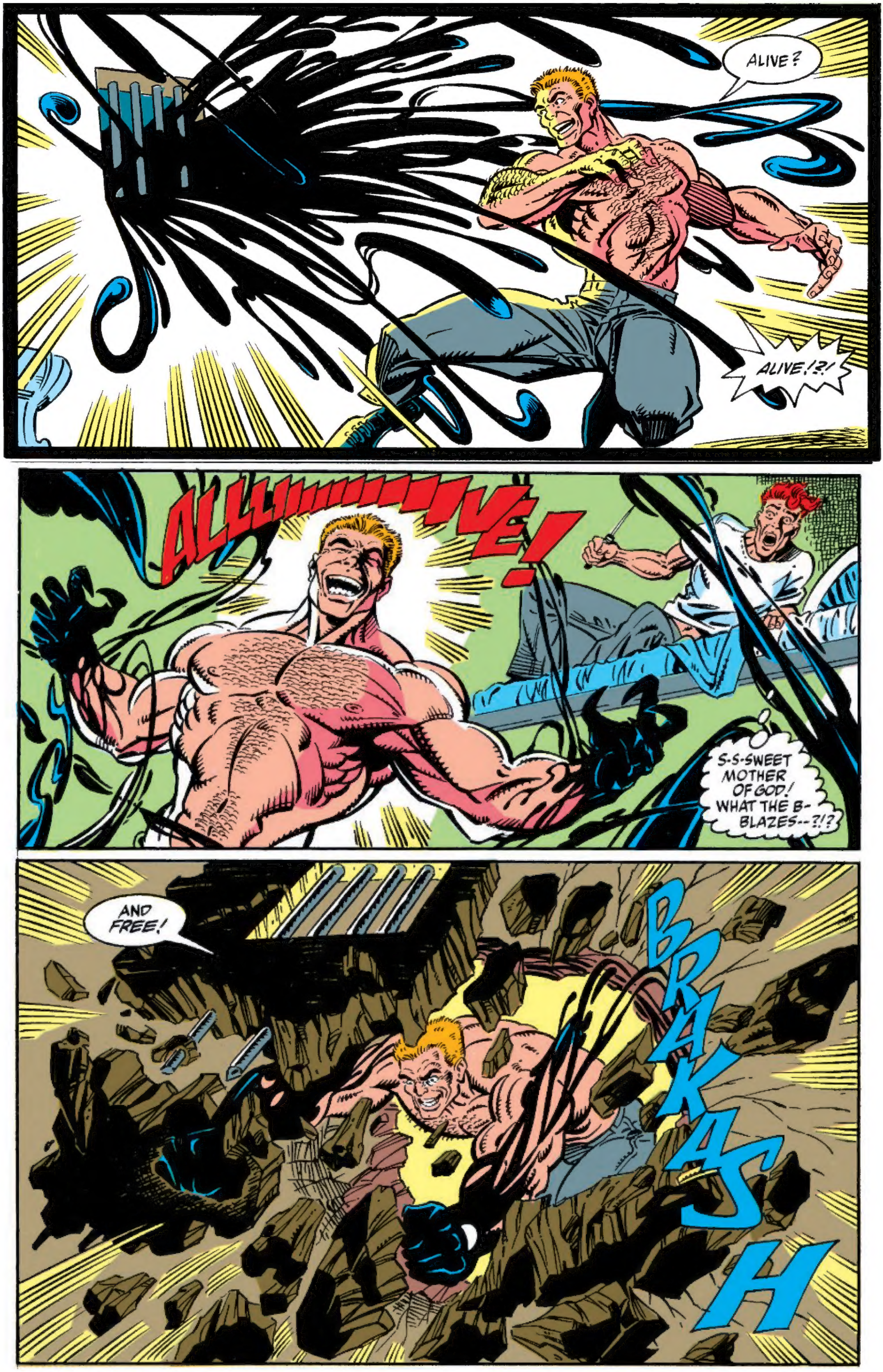
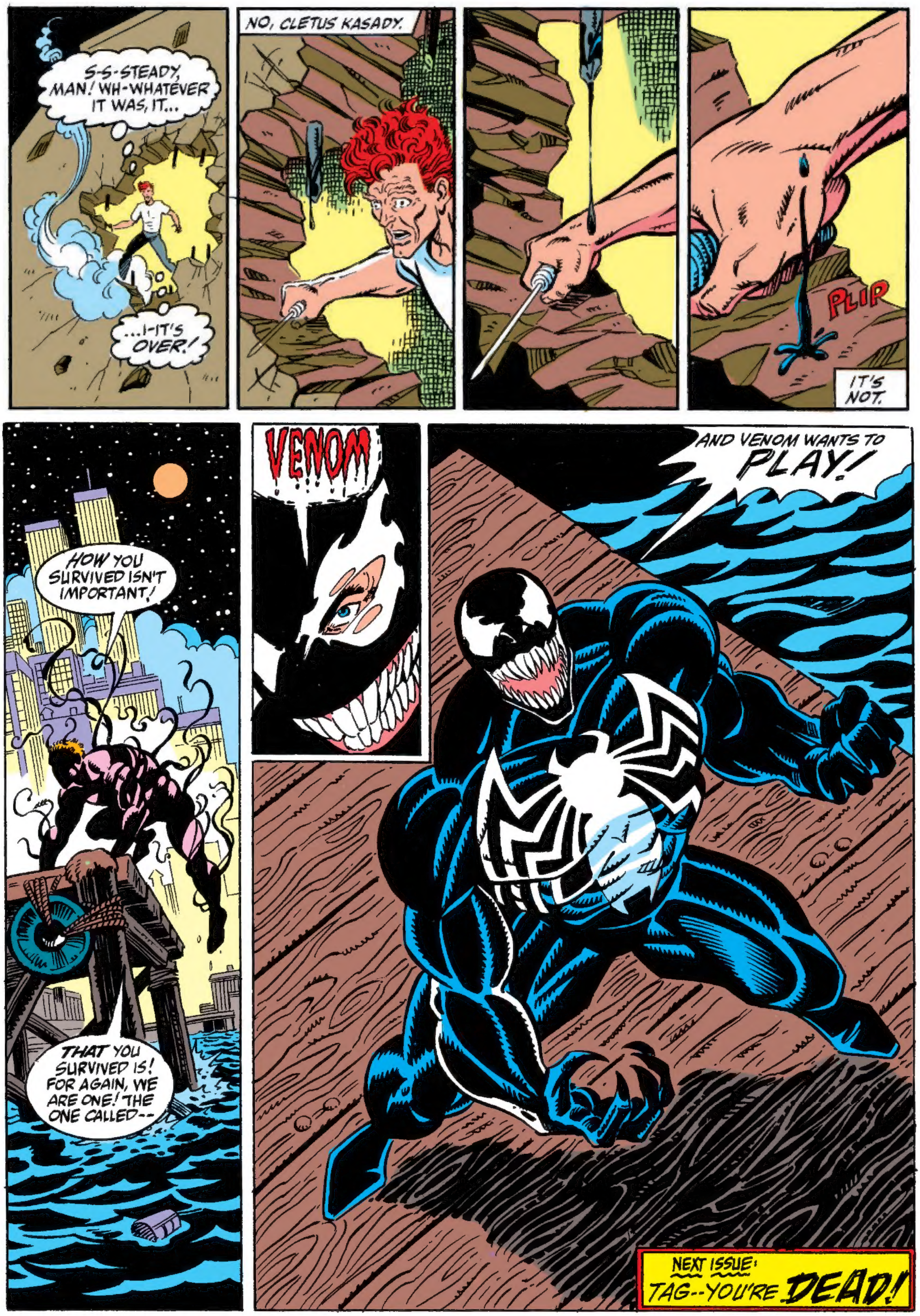

THE WINDOW! O-OUTSIDE THE WINDOW!
WHAT IS IT?
IT... I-IT... gulp NOTHIN'.
I-I GUESS... IT WAS NOTHIN'.
OH, NO, CLETUS KASADY, IT WAS VERY MUCH SOMETHING!
CUT OUT THE CLAPPIN' BROCK!
I CAN'T APPRECIATE THE DELICATE SUBTLETIES--
--O' THIS NEW MOTLEY CRUE TAPE!
SOUND MIND, SOUND BODY, CLETUS!
PAK
SOMETHING YOU COULDN'T COMPREHEND IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS!
THAT DOES IT! I'M ALREADY SERVIN' ELEVEN CONSECUTIVE LIFE TERMS!
MIGHT AS WELL MAKE IT AN EVEN DOZEN!
EH? TH-THE NIGHT! IT'S--
--ALIVE!


ALIVE?
ALIVE!?!
ALLIIIIIIIIIIIVE!
S-S-SWEET MOTHER OF GOD! WHAT THE B-BLAZES--?!?
AND FREE!
BRAKASH


S-S-STEADY, MAN! WH-WHATEVER IT WAS, IT...
...I-IT'S OVER!
NO, CLETUS KASADY.
PLIP
IT'S NOT.
HOW YOU SURVIVED ISN'T IMPORTANT!
THAT YOU SURVIVED IS! FOR AGAIN, WE ARE ONE! THE ONE CALLED--
VENOM
AND VENOM WANTS TO PLAY!
NEXT ISSUE: TAG--YOU'RE DEAD!

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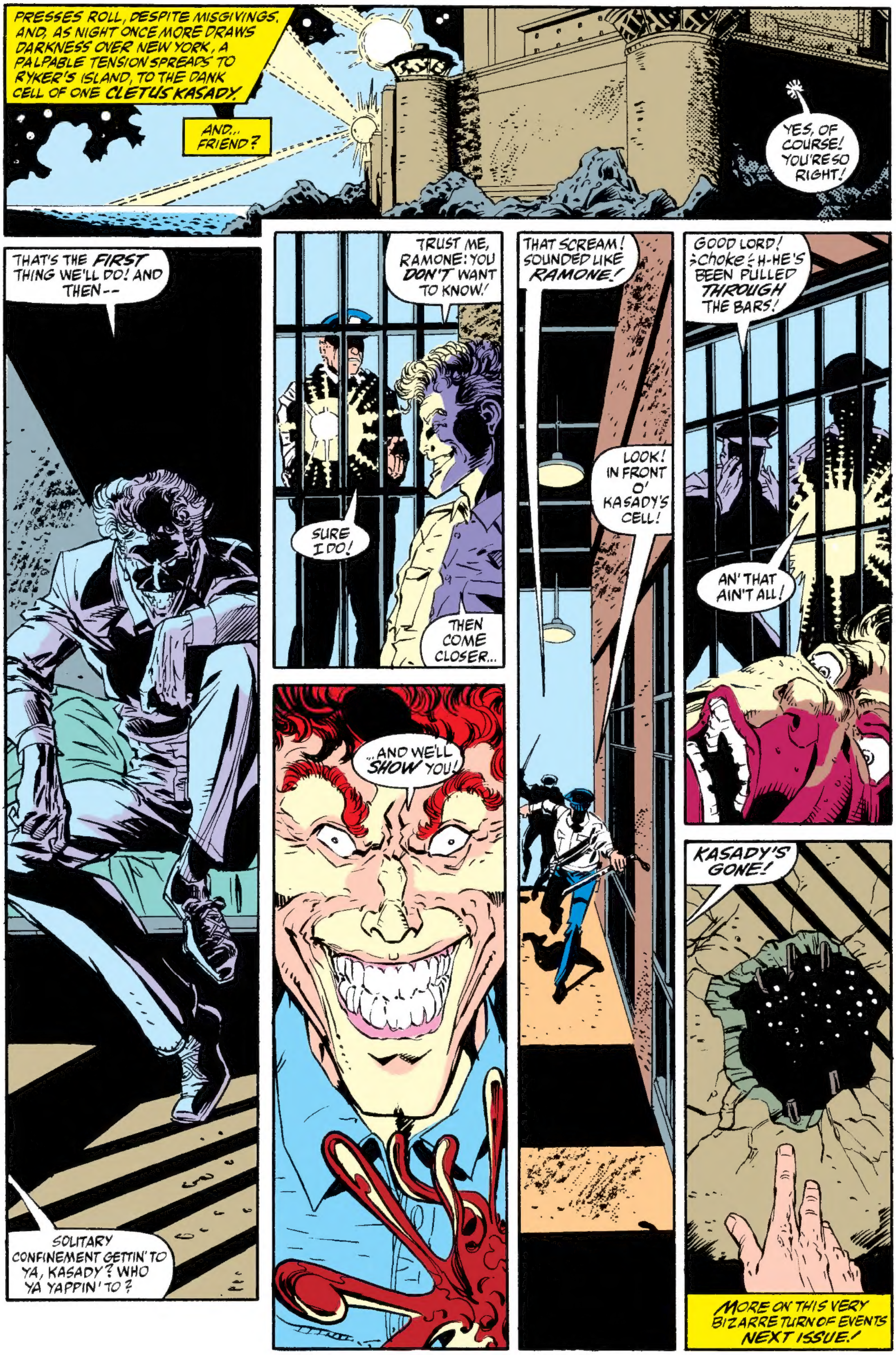
PRESSES ROLL, DESPITE MISGIVINGS. AND, AS NIGHT ONCE MORE DRAWS DARKNESS OVER NEW YORK, A PALPABLE TENSION SPREADS TO RYKER'S ISLAND, TO THE DANK CELL OF ONE CLETUS KASADY.
AND... FRIEND?
YES, OF COURSE! YOU'RE SO RIGHT!
THAT'S THE FIRST THING WE'LL DO! AND THEN--
SOLITARY CONFINEMENT GETTIN' TO YA, KASADY? WHO YA YAPPIN' TO?
TRUST ME, RAMONE: YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW!
SURE I DO!
THEN COME CLOSER...
...AND WE'LL SHOW YOU!
THAT SCREAM! SOUNDED LIKE RAMONE!
LOOK! IN FRONT O' KASADY'S CELL!
GOOD LORD! choke H-HE'S BEEN PULLED THROUGH THE BARS!
AN' THAT AIN'T ALL!
KASADY'S GONE!
MORE ON THIS VERY BIZARRE TURN OF EVENTS NEXT ISSUE!

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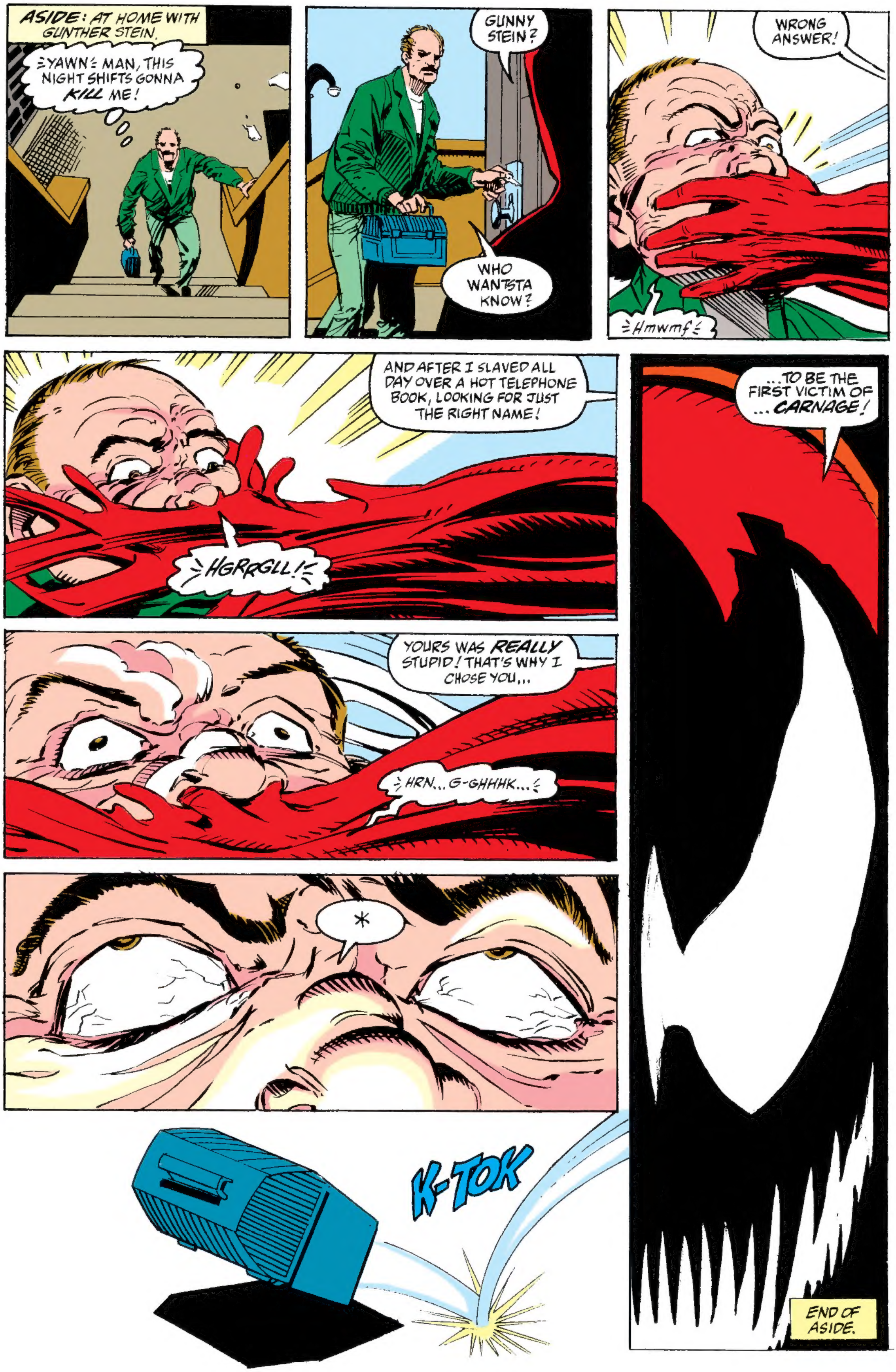
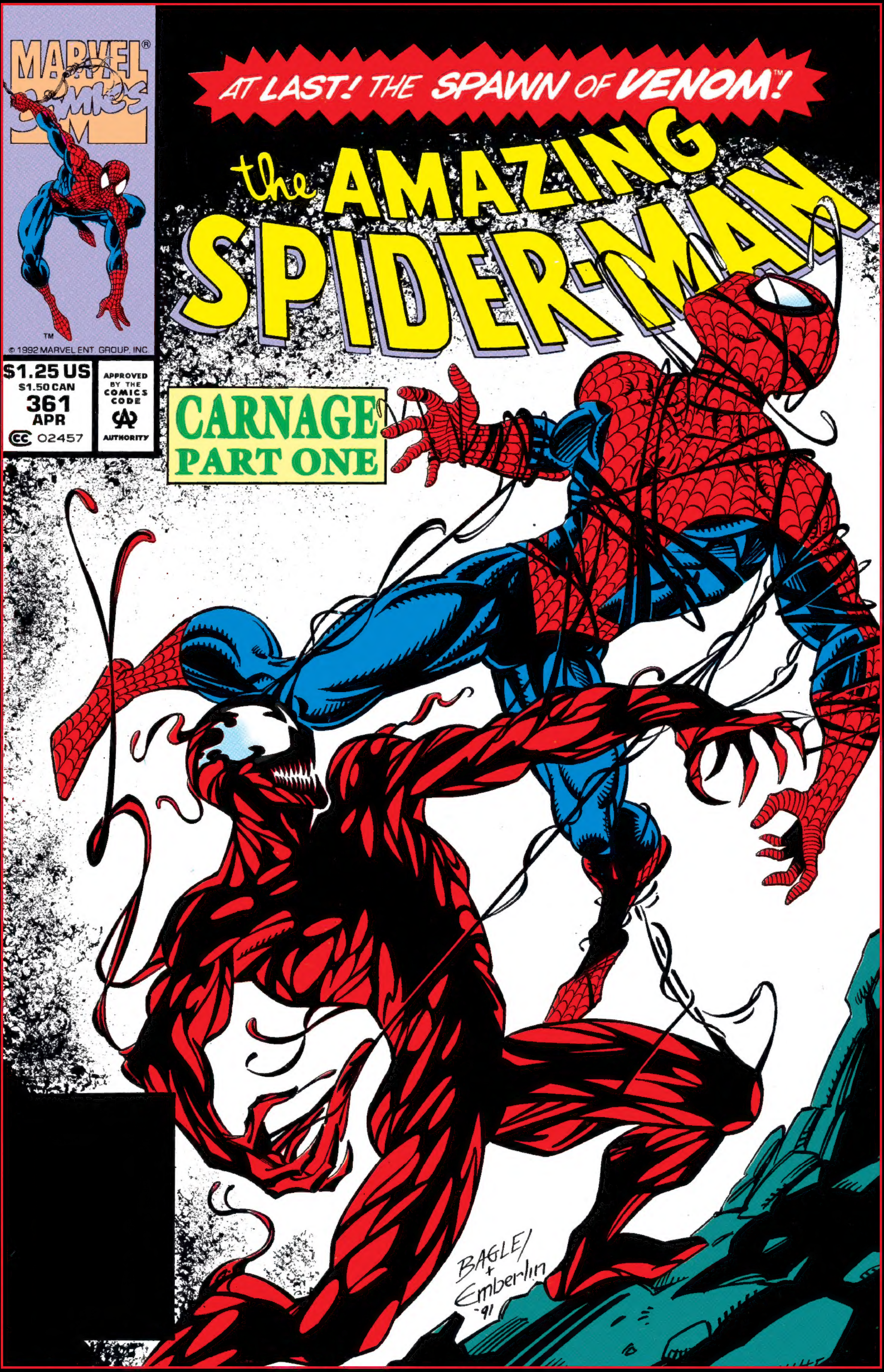

ASIDE: AT HOME WITH GUNTHER STEIN.
≷YAWN≶ MAN, THIS NIGHT SHIFTS GONNA KILL ME!
GUNNY STEIN?
WHO WANTSTA KNOW?
WRONG ANSWER!
≷Hmwmf≶
AND AFTER I SLAVED ALL DAY OVER A HOT TELEPHONE BOOK, LOOKING FOR JUST THE RIGHT NAME!
≷HGRRGLL!≶
...TO BE THE FIRST VICTIM OF ...CARNAGE!
YOURS WAS REALLY STUPID! THAT'S WHY I CHOSE YOU,..
≷HRN... G-GHHHK...≶
*
K-TOK
END OF ASIDE.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BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

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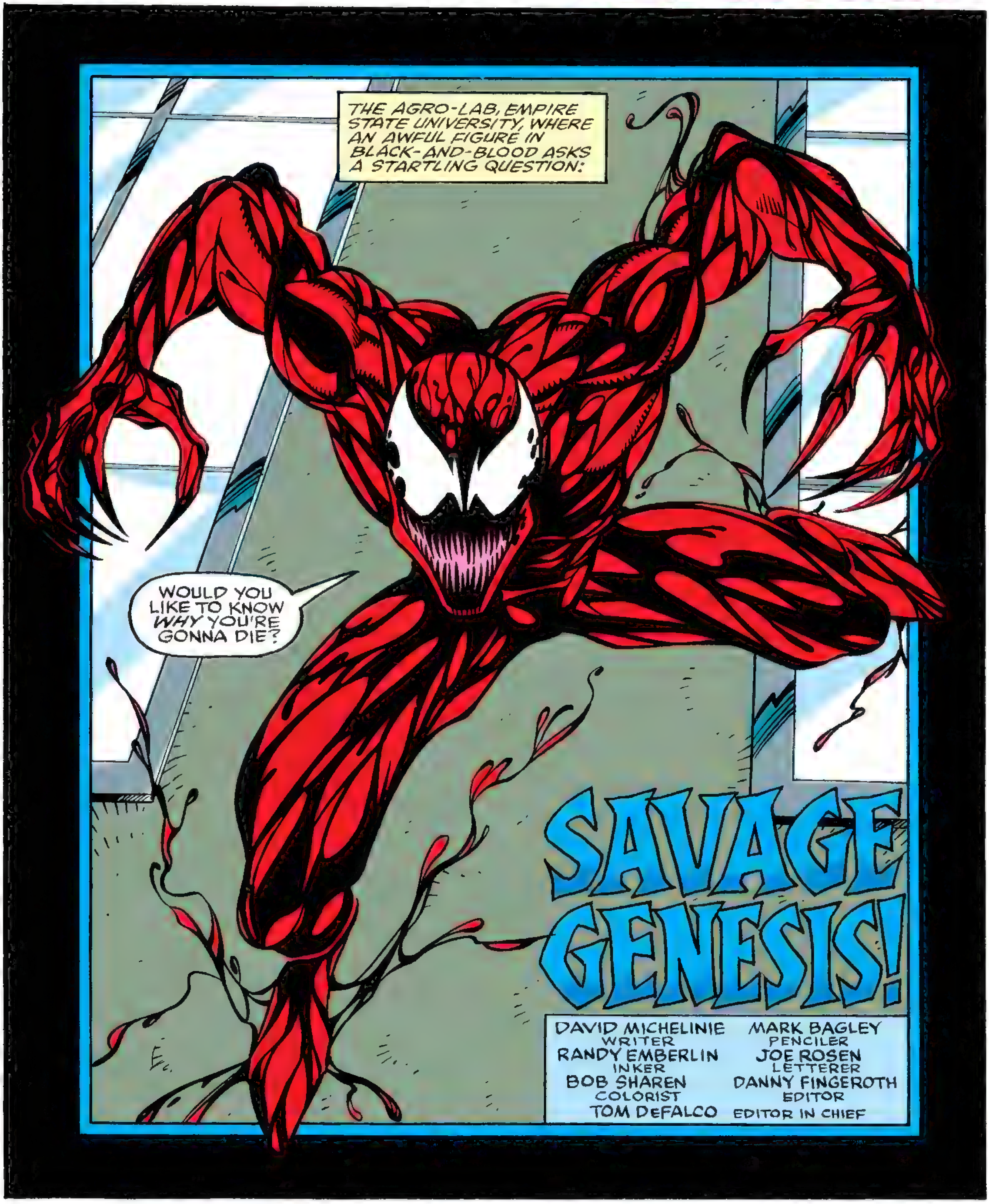
THE AGRO-LAB, EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE AN AWFUL FIGURE IN BLACK-AND-BLOOD ASKS A STARTLING QUESTION:
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW *WHY* YOU'RE GONNA DIE?
SAVAGE GENESIS!
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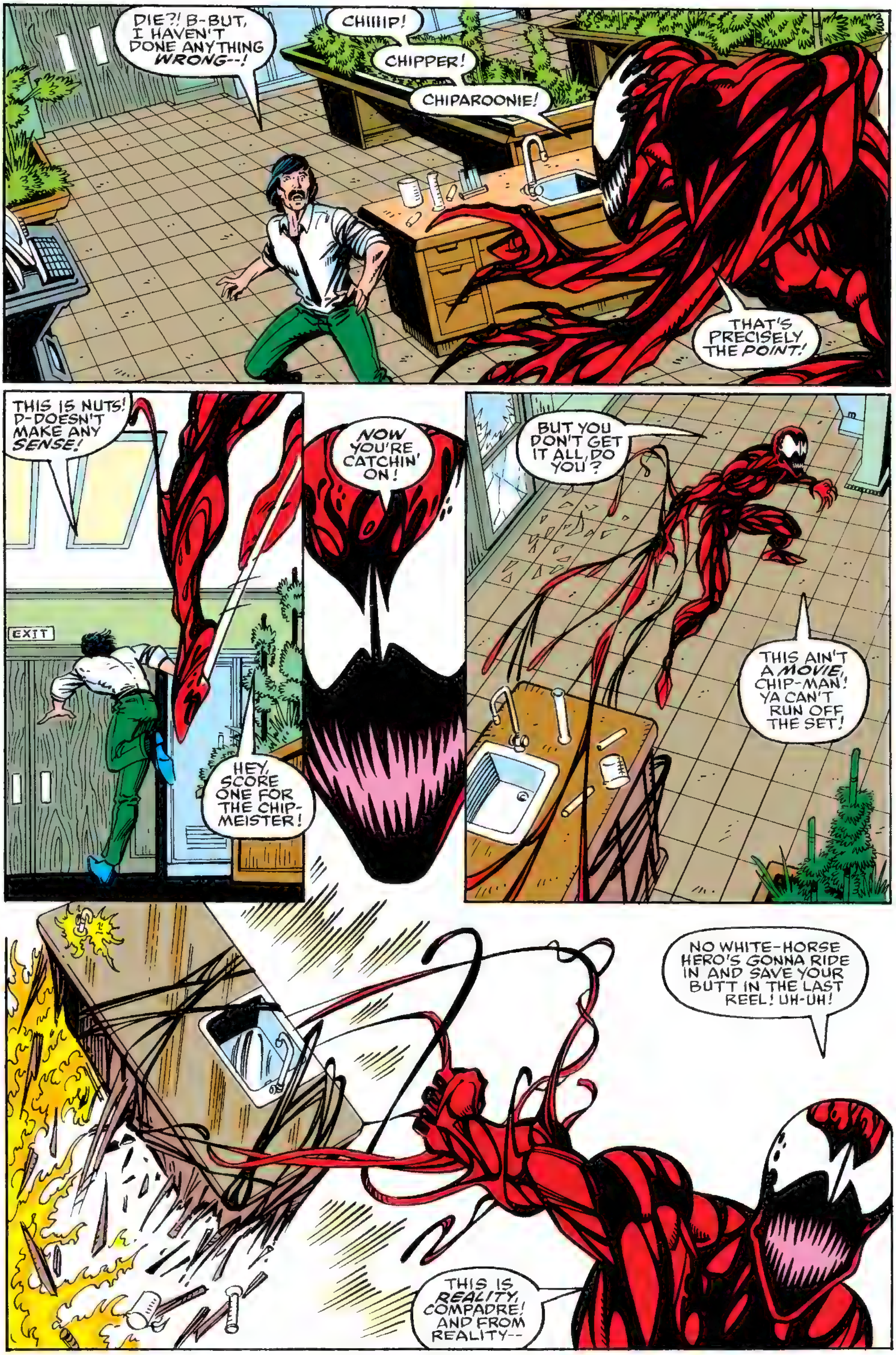
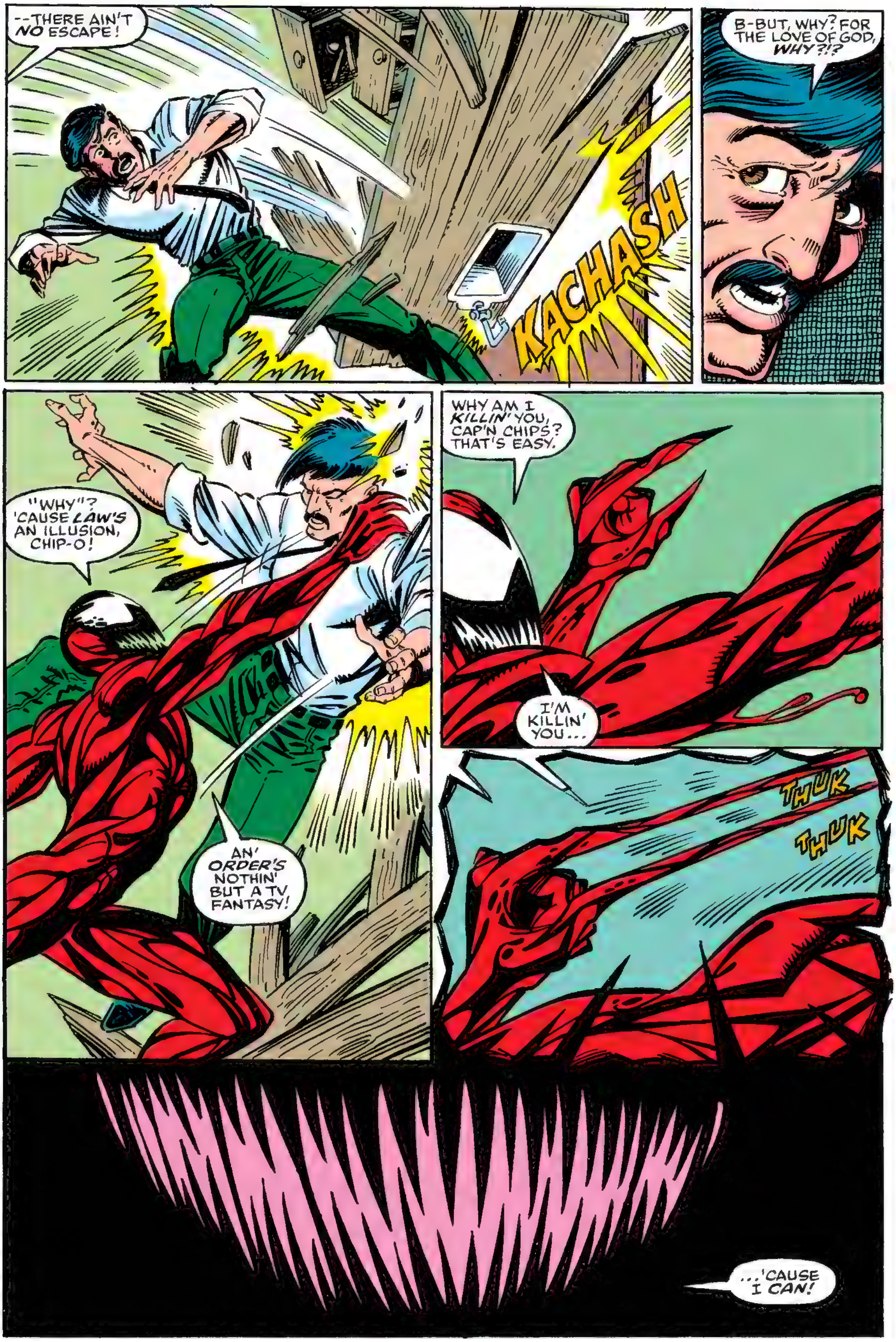
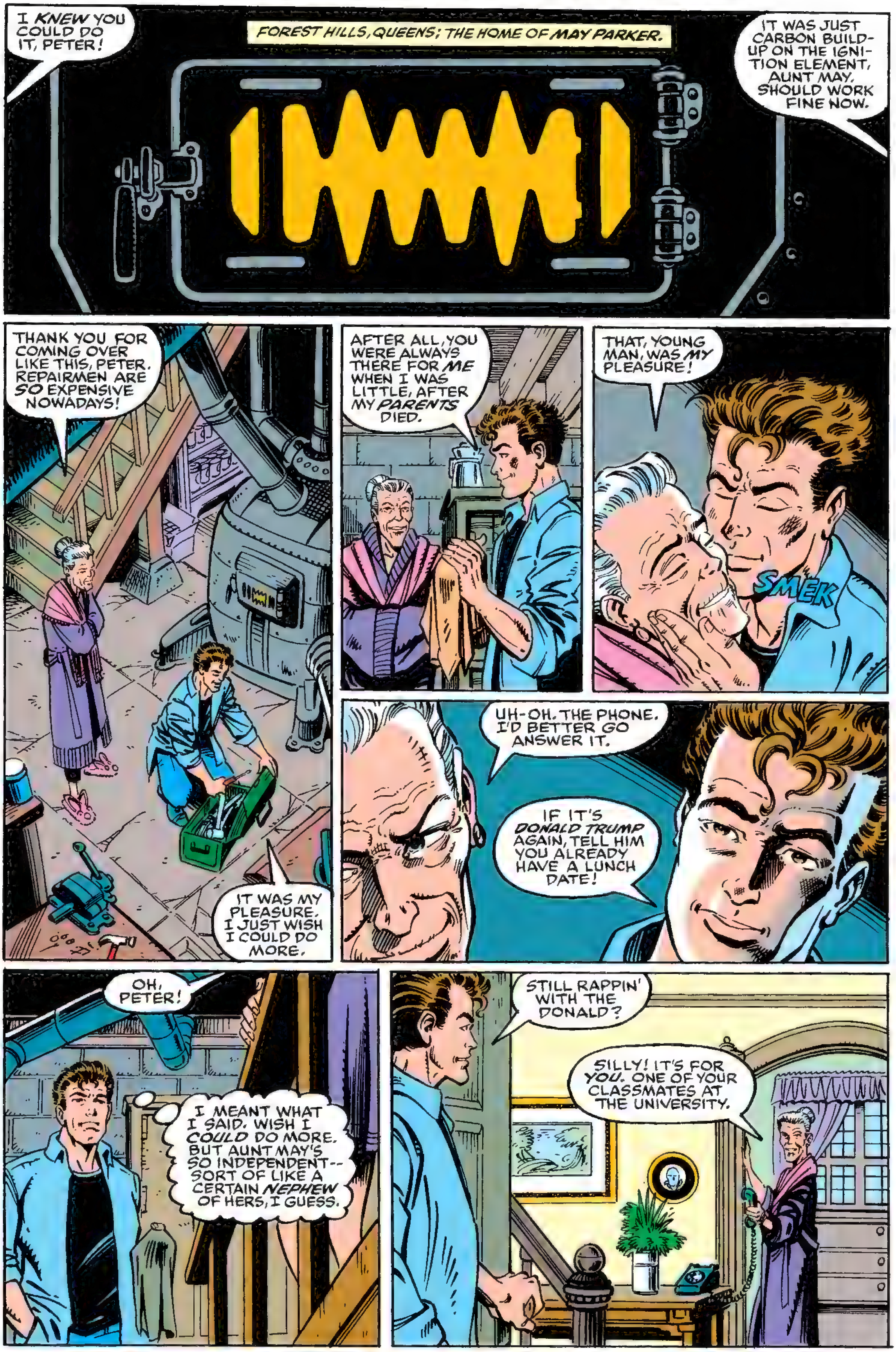
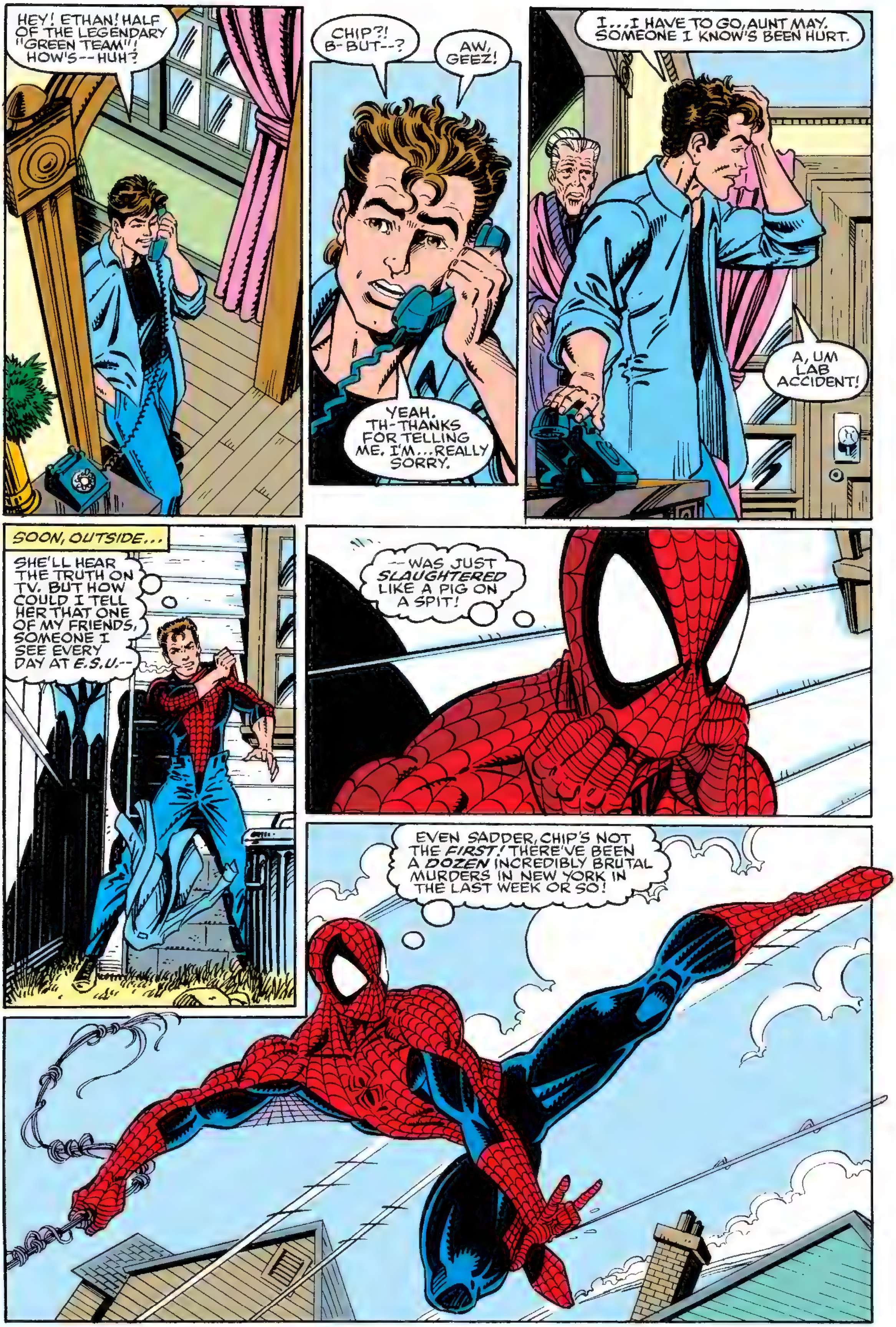
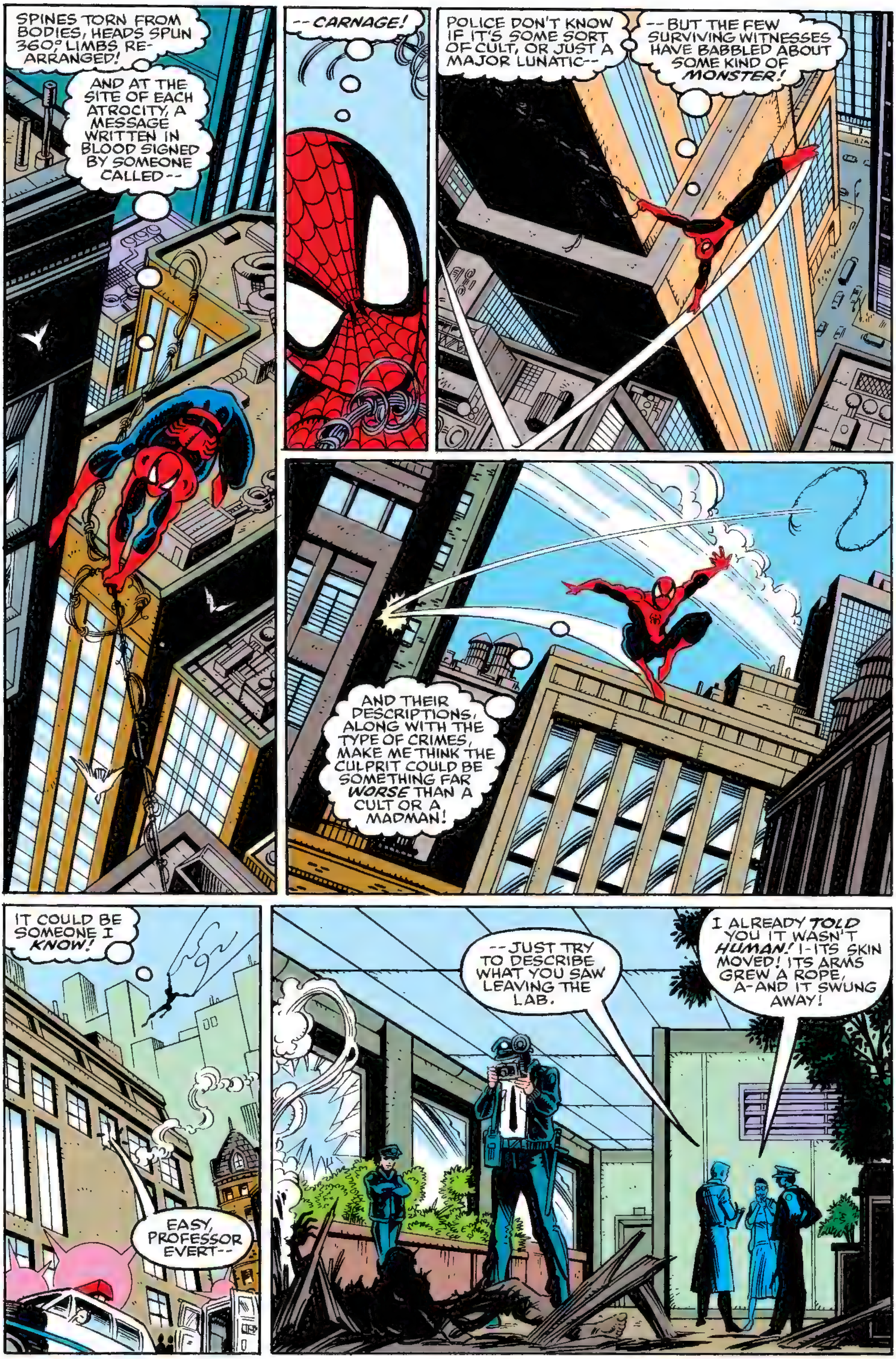
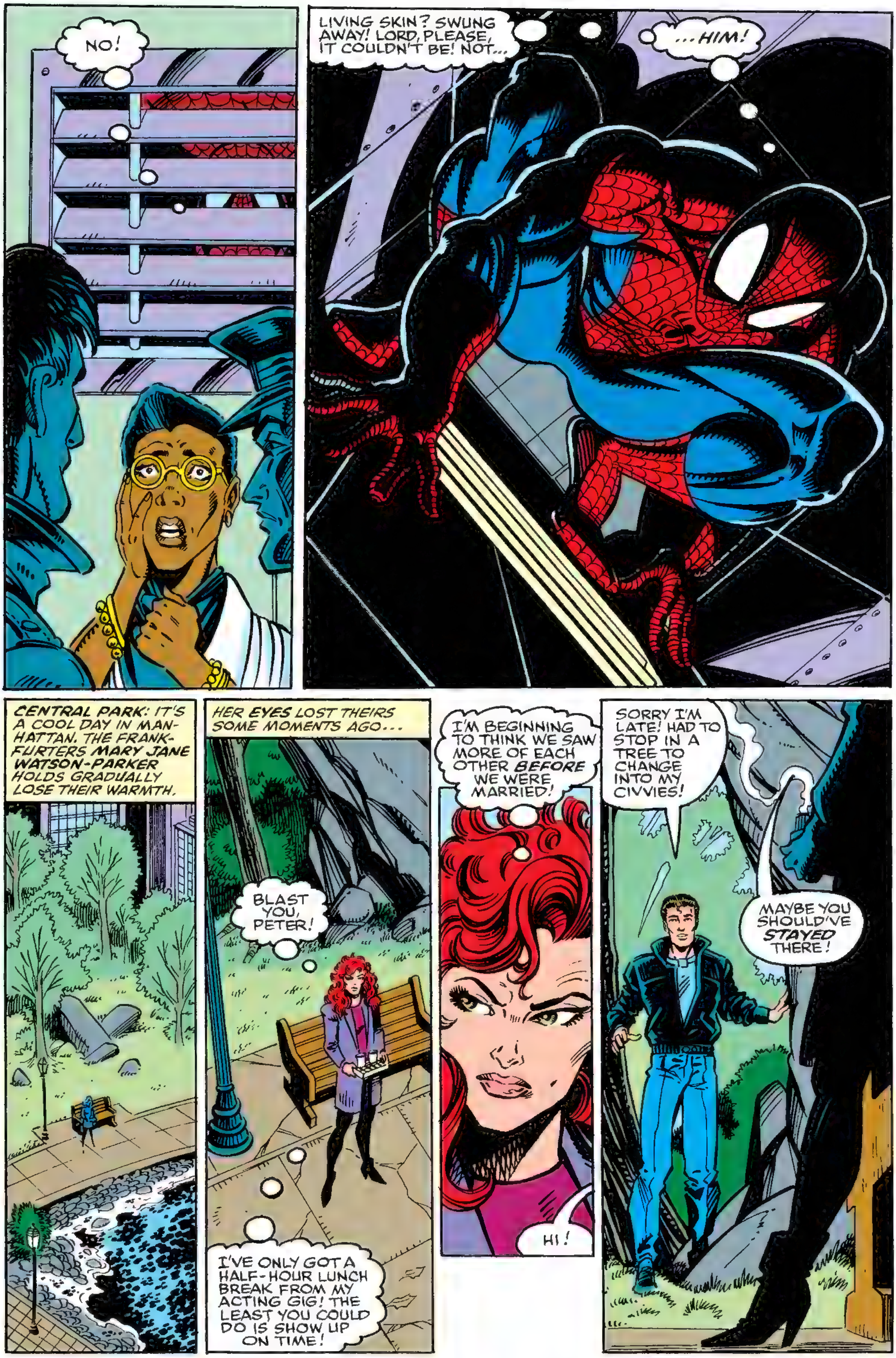

DIE?! B-BUT, I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING *WRONG*--!
CHIIIIP!
CHIPPER!
CHIPAROONIE!
THAT'S PRECISELY THE *POINT!*
THIS IS NUTS! D-DOESN'T MAKE ANY *SENSE!*
EXIT
HEY, SCORE ONE FOR THE CHIP-MEISTER!
NOW YOU'RE CATCHIN' ON!
BUT YOU DON'T GET IT ALL, DO YOU?
THIS AIN'T A *MOVIE*, CHIP-MAN! YA CAN'T RUN OFF THE SET!
NO WHITE-HORSE HERO'S GONNA RIDE IN AND SAVE YOUR BUTT IN THE LAST REEL! UH-UH!
THIS IS *REALITY*, COMPADRE! AND FROM REALITY--

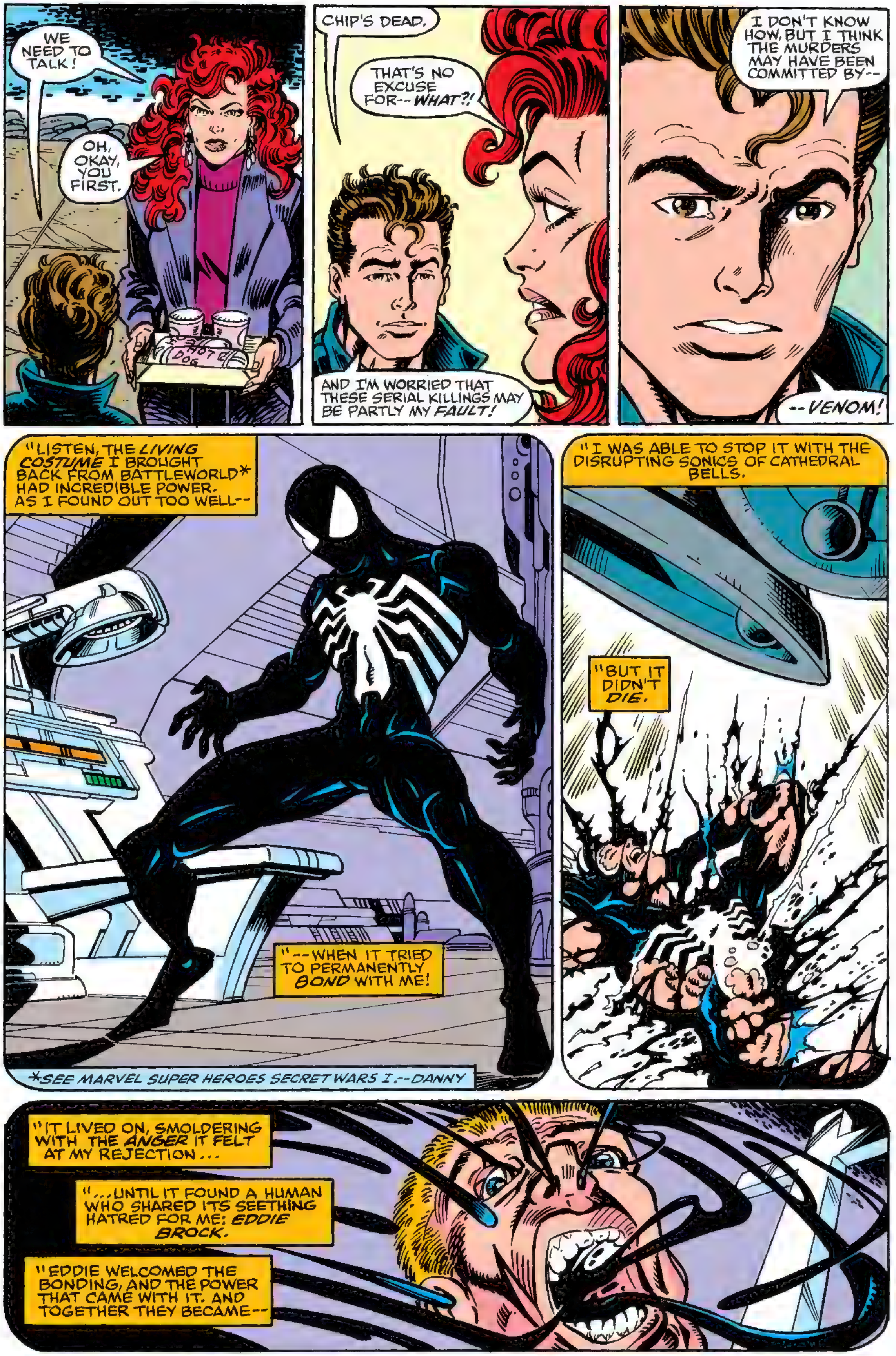

--THERE AIN'T *NO* ESCAPE!
KACHASH
B-BUT, WHY? FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, *WHY?!?*
"WHY"? 'CAUSE *LAW'S* AN ILLUSION, CHIP-O!
AN' *ORDER'S* NOTHIN' BUT A TV FANTASY!
WHY AM I *KILLIN'* YOU, CAP'N CHIPS? THAT'S EASY.
I'M KILLIN' YOU...
THUK
THUK
...'CAUSE I *CAN!*

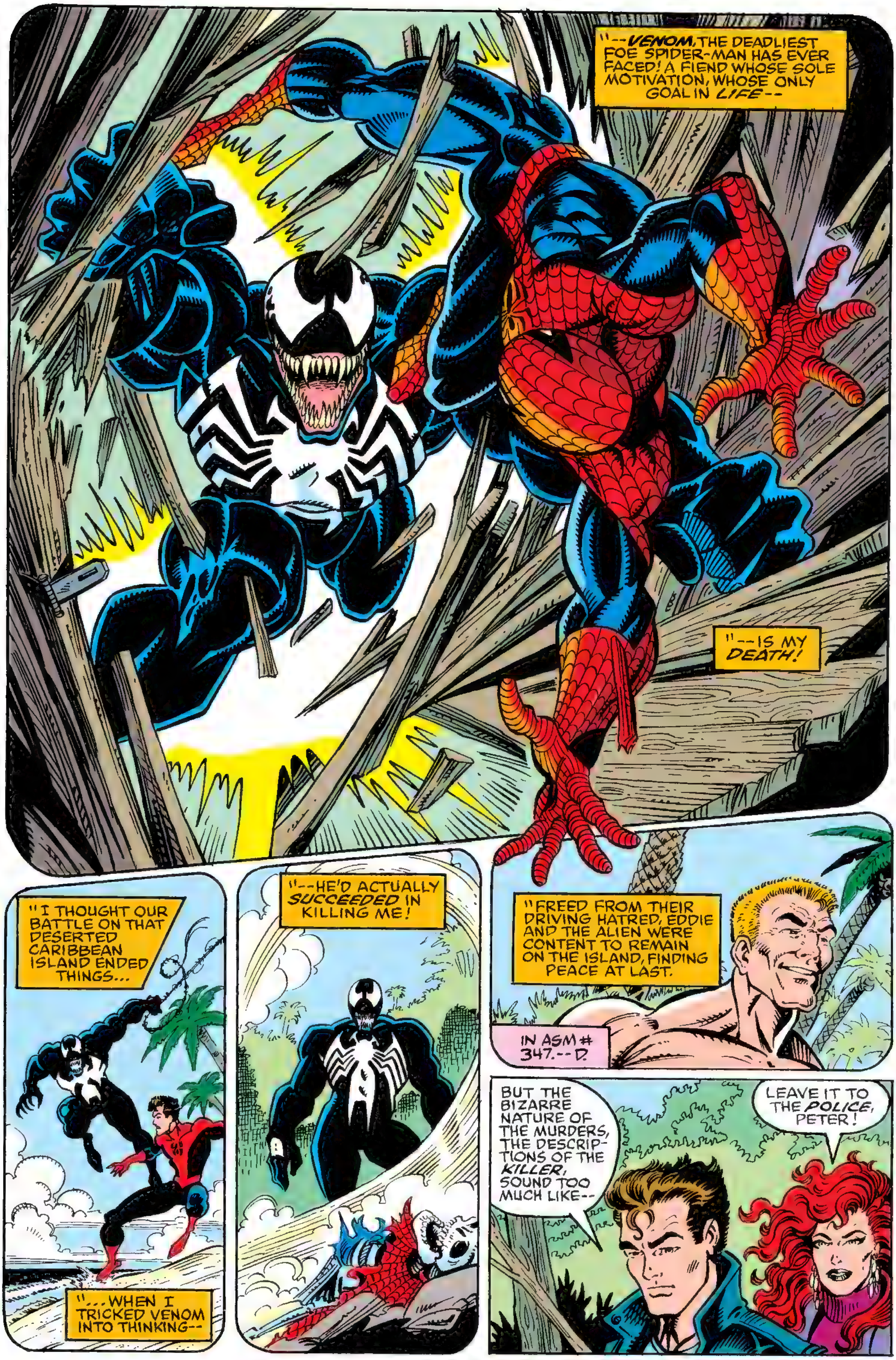

I *KNEW* YOU COULD DO IT, PETER!
FOREST HILLS, QUEENS; THE HOME OF *MAY PARKER.*
IT WAS JUST CARBON BUILD-UP ON THE IGNITION ELEMENT, AUNT MAY. SHOULD WORK FINE NOW.
THANK YOU FOR COMING OVER LIKE THIS, PETER. REPAIRMEN ARE *SO* EXPENSIVE NOWADAYS!
IT WAS MY PLEASURE. I JUST WISH I COULD DO MORE.
AFTER ALL, YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE FOR *ME* WHEN I WAS LITTLE, AFTER MY *PARENTS* DIED.
THAT, YOUNG MAN, WAS *MY* PLEASURE!
SMEK
UH-OH. THE PHONE. I'D BETTER GO ANSWER IT.
IF IT'S *DONALD TRUMP* AGAIN, TELL HIM YOU ALREADY HAVE A LUNCH DATE!
OH, PETER!
I MEANT WHAT I SAID. WISH I *COULD* DO MORE. BUT AUNT MAY'S SO INDEPENDENT-- SORT OF LIKE A CERTAIN *NEPHEW* OF HERS, I GUESS.
STILL RAPPIN' WITH THE DONALD?
SILLY! IT'S FOR *YOU*. ONE OF YOUR CLASSMATES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

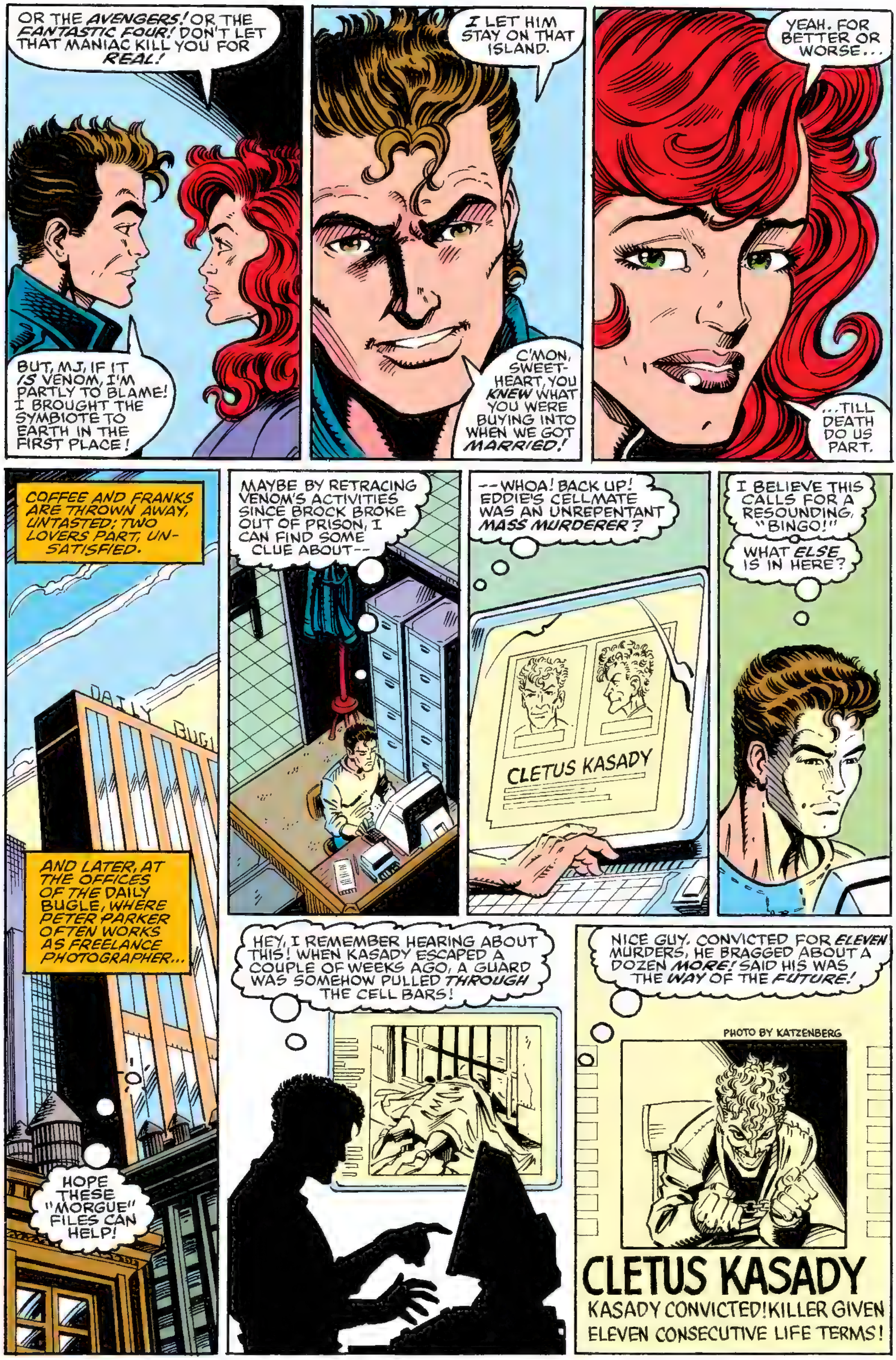

HEY! ETHAN! HALF OF THE LEGENDARY "GREEN TEAM"! HOW'S--HUH?
CHIP?! B-BUT--?
AW, GEEZ!
YEAH. TH-THANKS FOR TELLING ME. I'M...REALLY SORRY.
I...I HAVE TO GO, AUNT MAY. SOMEONE I KNOW'S BEEN HURT.
A, UM LAB ACCIDENT!
SOON, OUTSIDE...
SHE'LL HEAR THE TRUTH ON TV. BUT HOW COULD I TELL HER THAT ONE OF MY FRIENDS, SOMEONE I SEE EVERY DAY AT E.S.U.--
--WAS JUST SLAUGHTERED LIKE A PIG ON A SPIT!
EVEN SADDER, CHIP'S NOT THE FIRST! THERE'VE BEEN A DOZEN INCREDIBLY BRUTAL MURDERS IN NEW YORK IN THE LAST WEEK OR SO!


SPINES TORN FROM BODIES, HEADS SPUN 360°, LIMBS RE-ARRANGED!
AND AT THE SITE OF EACH ATROCITY, A MESSAGE WRITTEN IN BLOOD SIGNED BY SOMEONE CALLED--
--*CARNAGE!*
POLICE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SOME SORT OF CULT, OR JUST A MAJOR LUNATIC--
--BUT THE FEW SURVIVING WITNESSES HAVE BABBLED ABOUT SOME KIND OF *MONSTER!*
AND THEIR DESCRIPTIONS, ALONG WITH THE TYPE OF CRIMES, MAKE ME THINK THE CULPRIT COULD BE SOMETHING FAR *WORSE* THAN A CULT OR A MADMAN!
IT COULD BE SOMEONE I *KNOW!*
EASY, PROFESSOR EVERT--
--JUST TRY TO DESCRIBE WHAT YOU SAW LEAVING THE LAB.
I ALREADY *TOLD* YOU IT WASN'T *HUMAN!* I-ITS SKIN MOVED! ITS ARMS GREW A ROPE, A-AND IT SWUNG AWAY!


NO!
LIVING SKIN? SWUNG AWAY! LORD, PLEASE, IT COULDN'T BE! NOT...
...HIM!
CENTRAL PARK: IT'S A COOL DAY IN MANHATTAN. THE FRANKFURTERS MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER HOLDS GRADUALLY LOSE THEIR WARMTH.
HER EYES LOST THEIRS SOME MOMENTS AGO...
BLAST YOU, PETER!
I'VE ONLY GOT A HALF-HOUR LUNCH BREAK FROM MY ACTING GIG! THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS SHOW UP ON TIME!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK WE SAW MORE OF EACH OTHER BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED!
HI!
SORRY I'M LATE! HAD TO STOP IN A TREE TO CHANGE INTO MY CIVVIES!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED THERE!


WE NEED TO TALK!
OH, OKAY, YOU FIRST.
HOT DOG
CHIP'S DEAD.
THAT'S NO EXCUSE FOR-- *WHAT?!*
AND I'M WORRIED THAT THESE SERIAL KILLINGS MAY BE PARTLY MY *FAULT!*
I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT I THINK THE MURDERS MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY--
--*VENOM!*
"LISTEN, THE *LIVING COSTUME* I BROUGHT BACK FROM BATTLEWORLD* HAD INCREDIBLE POWER. AS I FOUND OUT TOO WELL--
"--WHEN IT TRIED TO PERMANENTLY *BOND* WITH ME!
*SEE MARVEL SUPER HEROES SECRET WARS I.--DANNY
"I WAS ABLE TO STOP IT WITH THE DISRUPTING SONICS OF CATHEDRAL BELLS.
"BUT IT DIDN'T *DIE.*
"IT LIVED ON, SMOLDERING WITH THE *ANGER* IT FELT AT MY REJECTION...
"...UNTIL IT FOUND A HUMAN WHO SHARED ITS SEETHING HATRED FOR ME: *EDDIE BROCK.*
"EDDIE WELCOMED THE BONDING, AND THE POWER THAT CAME WITH IT. AND TOGETHER THEY BECAME--


"--*VENOM*, THE DEADLIEST FOE SPIDER-MAN HAS EVER FACED! A FIEND WHOSE SOLE MOTIVATION, WHOSE ONLY GOAL IN *LIFE*--
"--IS MY *DEATH!*
"I THOUGHT OUR BATTLE ON THAT DESERTED CARIBBEAN ISLAND ENDED THINGS...
"...WHEN I TRICKED VENOM INTO THINKING--
"--HE'D ACTUALLY *SUCCEEDED* IN KILLING ME!
"FREED FROM THEIR DRIVING HATRED, EDDIE AND THE ALIEN WERE CONTENT TO REMAIN ON THE ISLAND, FINDING PEACE AT LAST.
IN ASM # 347.--D.
BUT THE BIZARRE NATURE OF THE MURDERS, THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE *KILLER*, SOUND TOO MUCH LIKE--
LEAVE IT TO THE *POLICE*, PETER!


OR THE *AVENGERS!* OR THE *FANTASTIC FOUR!* DON'T LET THAT MANIAC KILL YOU FOR *REAL!*
BUT, MJ, IF IT *IS* VENOM, I'M PARTLY TO BLAME! I BROUGHT THE SYMBIOTE TO EARTH IN THE FIRST PLACE!
I LET HIM STAY ON THAT ISLAND.
C'MON, SWEETHEART, YOU *KNEW* WHAT YOU WERE BUYING INTO WHEN WE GOT *MARRIED!*
YEAH. FOR BETTER OR WORSE...
...TILL DEATH DO US PART.
COFFEE AND FRANKS ARE THROWN AWAY, UNTASTED; TWO LOVERS PART, UNSATISFIED.
DAILY
BUGL
AND LATER, AT THE OFFICES OF THE DAILY BUGLE, WHERE PETER PARKER OFTEN WORKS AS FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER...
HOPE THESE "MORGUE" FILES CAN HELP!
MAYBE BY RETRACING VENOM'S ACTIVITIES SINCE BROCK BROKE OUT OF PRISON, I CAN FIND SOME CLUE ABOUT--
--WHOA! BACK UP! EDDIE'S CELLMATE WAS AN UNREPENTANT *MASS MURDERER?*
CLETUS KASADY
I BELIEVE THIS CALLS FOR A RESOUNDING, "BINGO!"
WHAT *ELSE* IS IN HERE?
HEY, I REMEMBER HEARING ABOUT THIS! WHEN KASADY ESCAPED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, A GUARD WAS SOMEHOW PULLED *THROUGH* THE CELL BARS!
NICE GUY. CONVICTED FOR *ELEVEN* MURDERS, HE BRAGGED ABOUT A DOZEN *MORE!* SAID HIS WAS THE *WAY* OF THE *FUTURE!*
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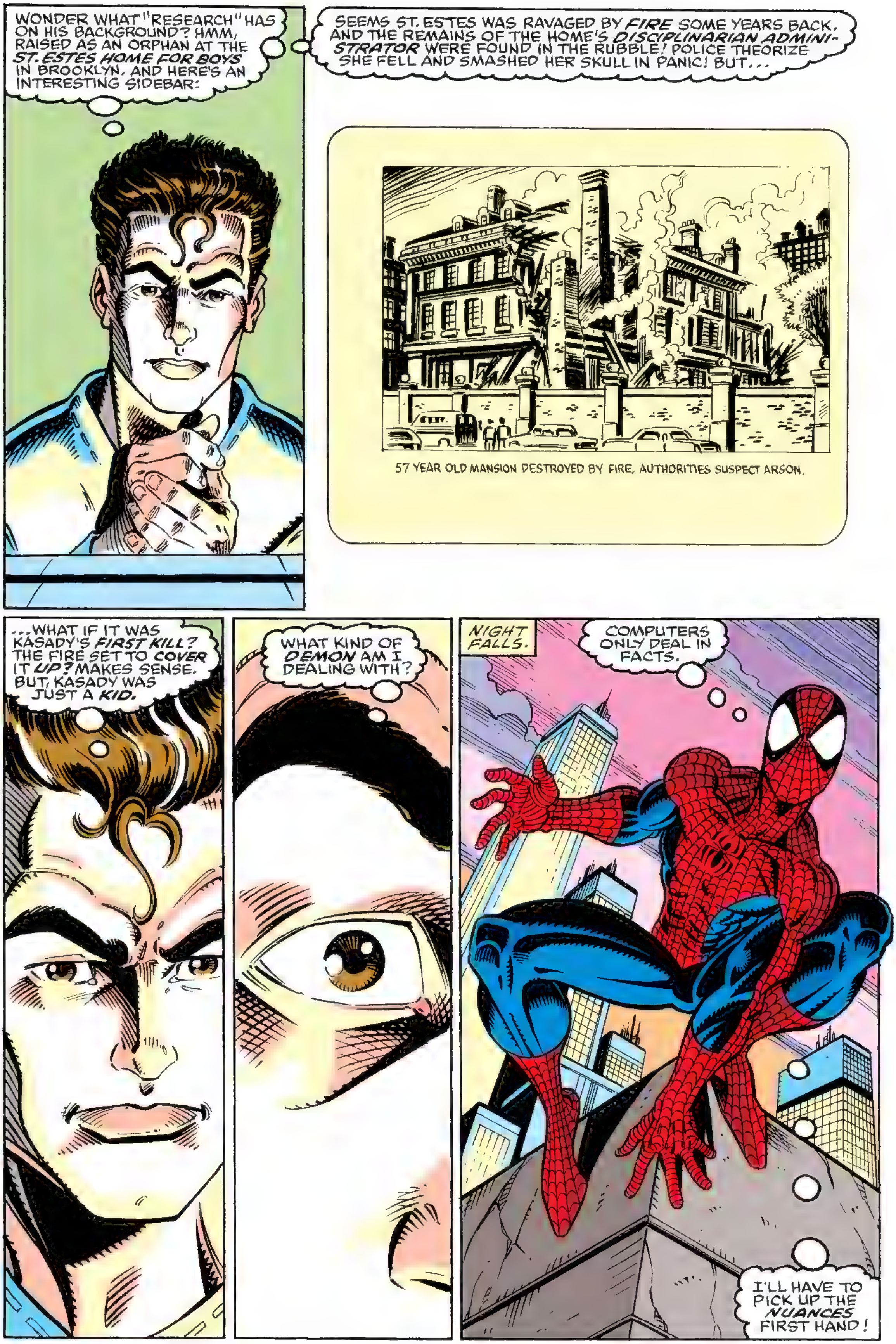
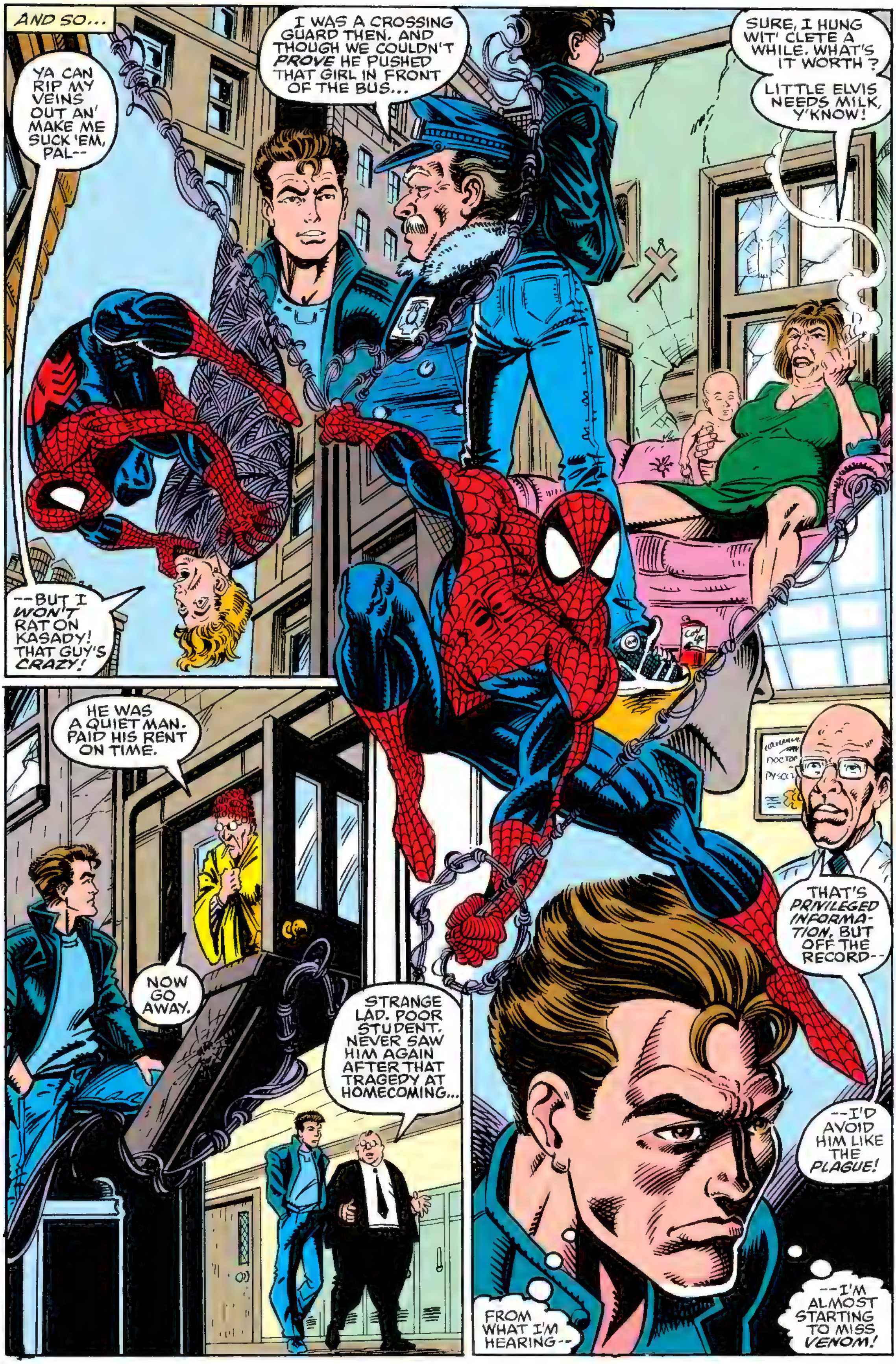
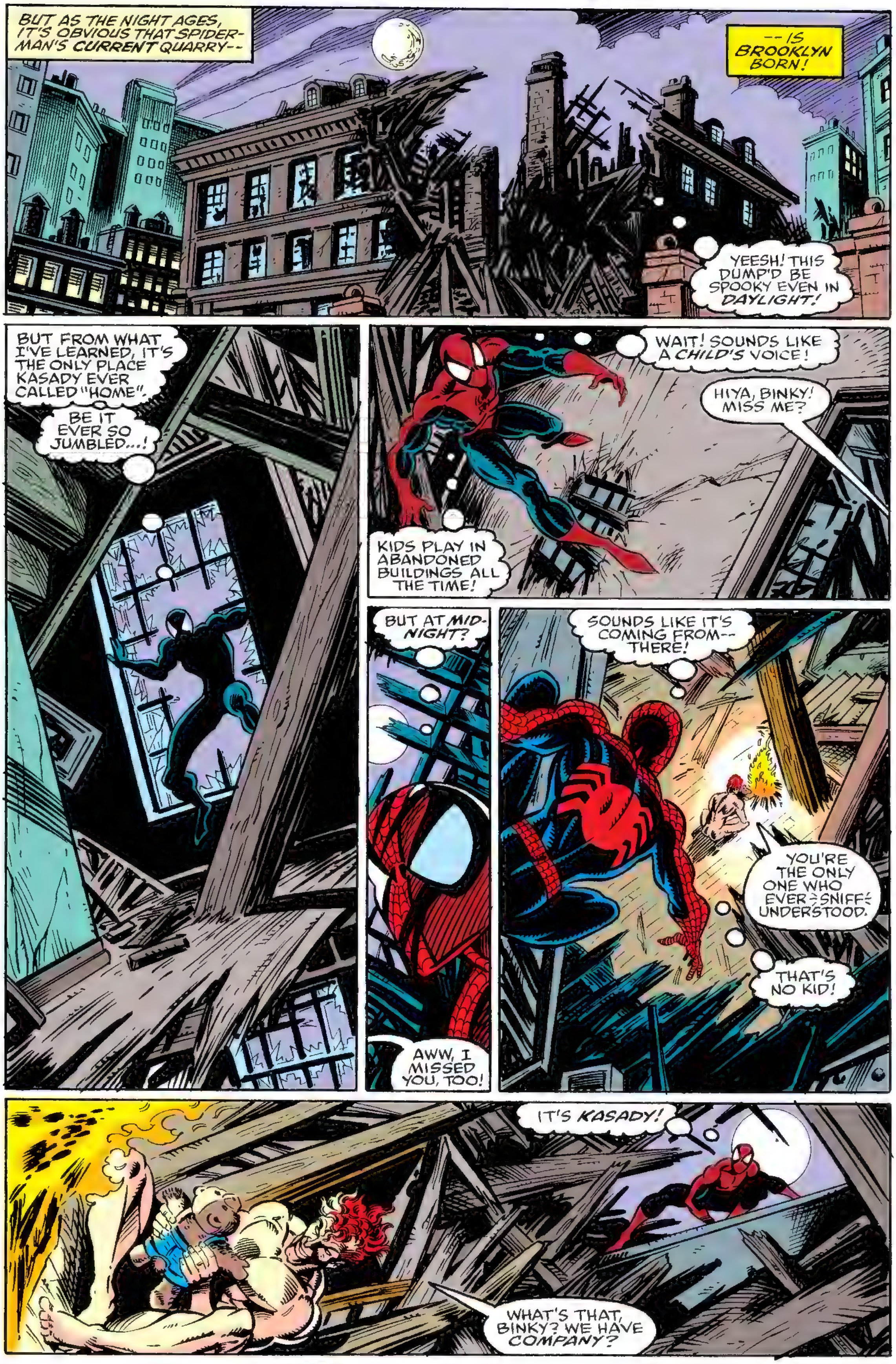
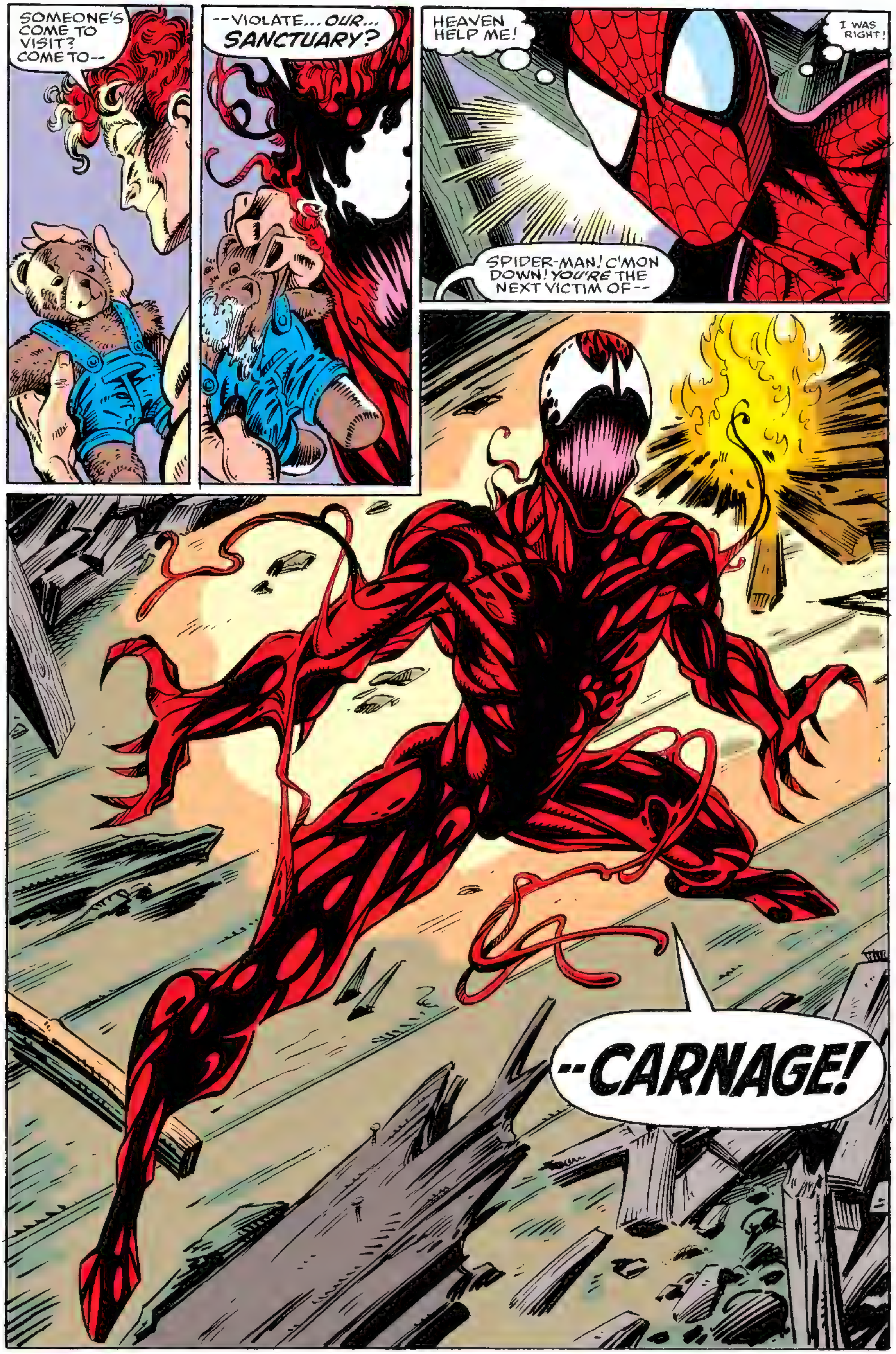
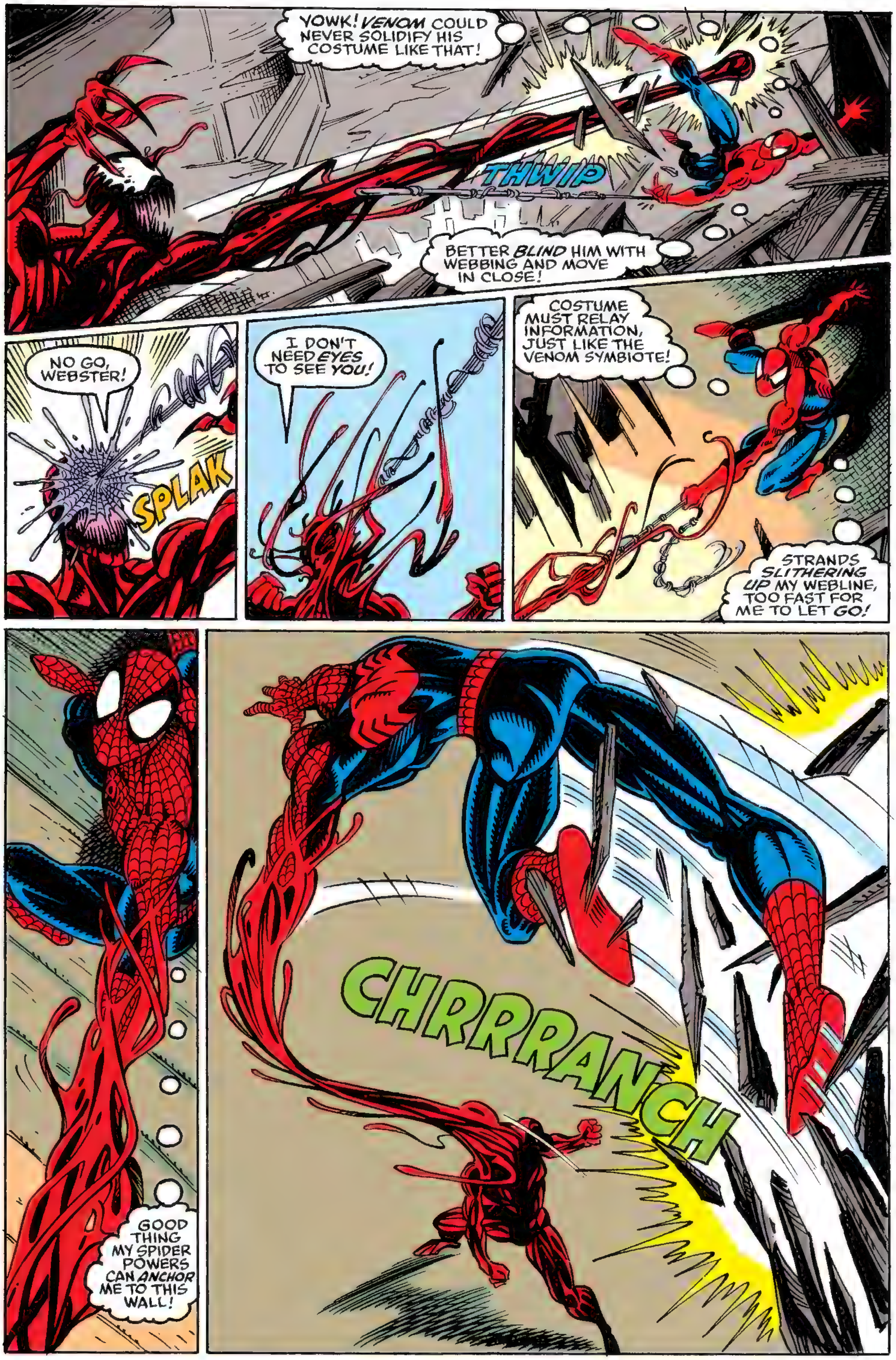
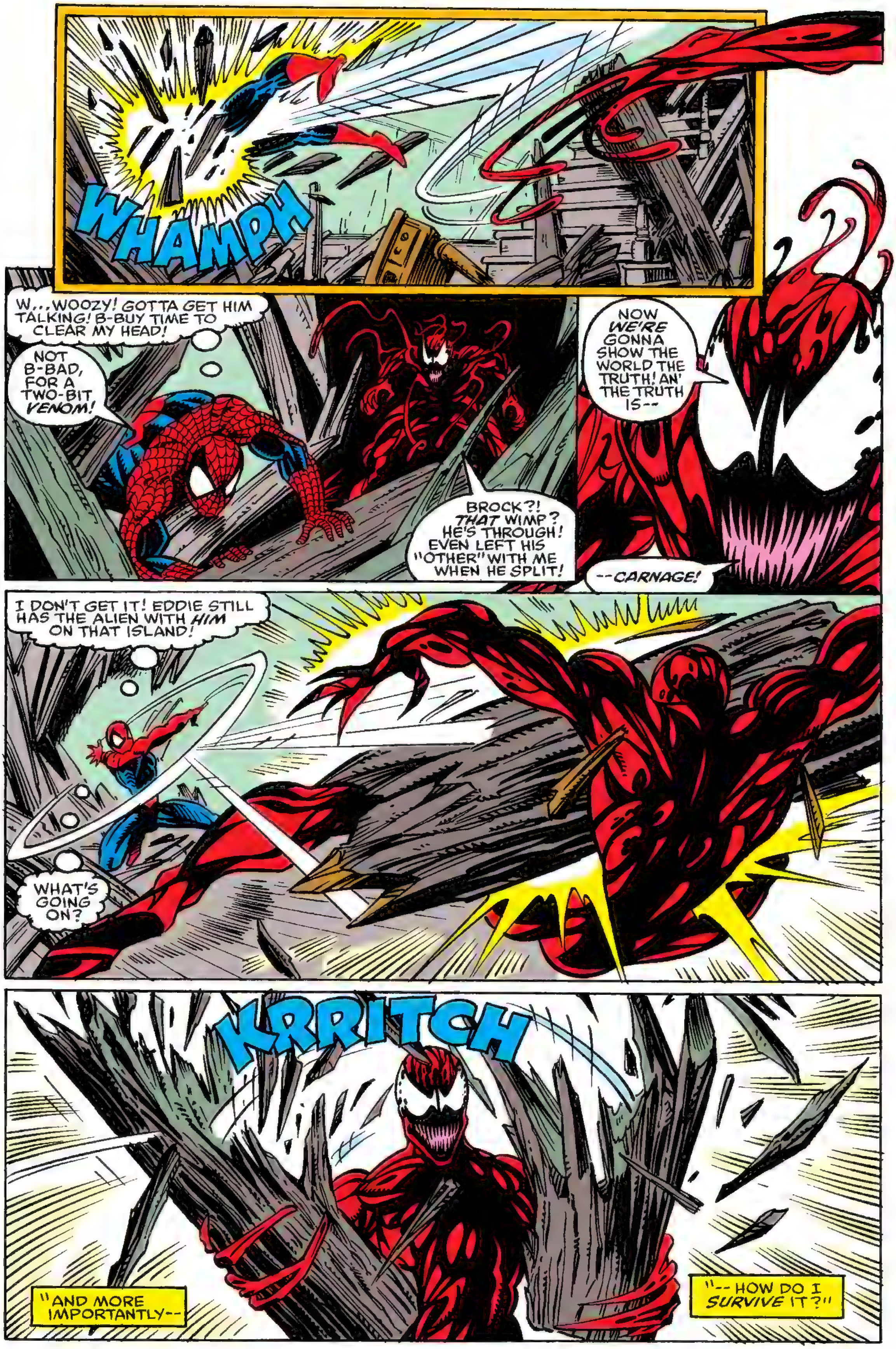

WONDER WHAT "RESEARCH" HAS ON HIS BACKGROUND? HMM, RAISED AS AN ORPHAN AT THE *ST. ESTES HOME FOR BOYS* IN BROOKLYN. AND HERE'S AN INTERESTING SIDEBAR:
SEEMS ST. ESTES WAS RAVAGED BY *FIRE* SOME YEARS BACK. AND THE REMAINS OF THE HOME'S *DISCIPLINARIAN ADMINISTRATOR* WERE FOUND IN THE RUBBLE! POLICE THEORIZE SHE FELL AND SMASHED HER SKULL IN PANIC! BUT...
57 YEAR OLD MANSION DESTROYED BY FIRE, AUTHORITIES SUSPECT ARSON.
...WHAT IF IT WAS KASADY'S *FIRST KILL?* THE FIRE SET TO *COVER* IT *UP?* MAKES SENSE. BUT, KASADY WAS JUST A *KID.*
WHAT KIND OF *DEMON* AM I DEALING WITH?
NIGHT FALLS.
COMPUTERS ONLY DEAL IN FACTS.
I'LL HAVE TO PICK UP THE *NUANCES* FIRST HAND!

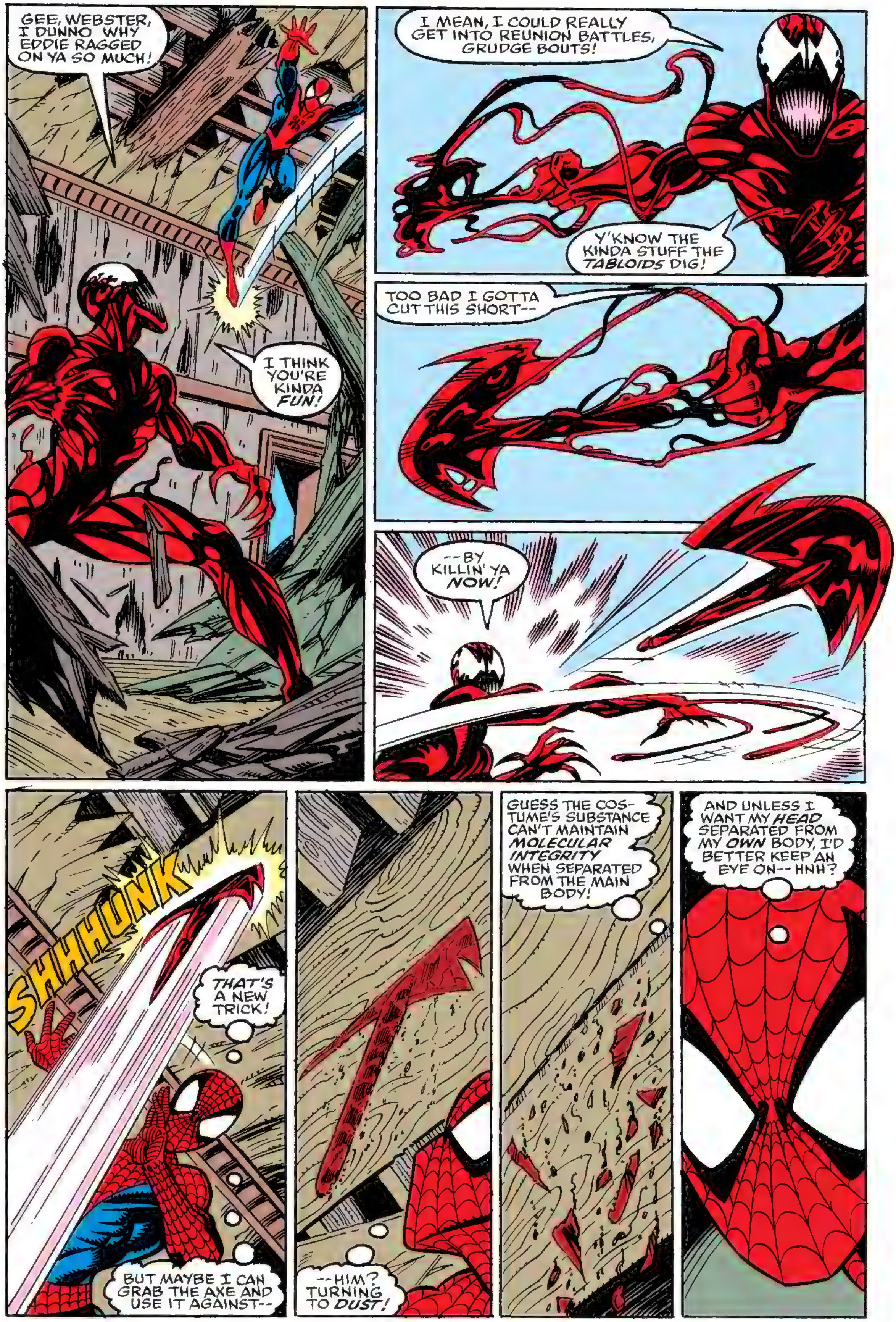

AND SO...
YA CAN RIP MY VEINS OUT AN' MAKE ME SUCK 'EM, PAL--
--BUT I *WON'T* RAT ON KASADY! THAT GUY'S *CRAZY!*
I WAS A CROSSING GUARD THEN. AND THOUGH WE COULDN'T *PROVE* HE PUSHED THAT GIRL IN FRONT OF THE BUS...
SURE, I HUNG WIT' CLETE A WHILE. WHAT'S IT WORTH?
LITTLE ELVIS NEEDS MILK, Y'KNOW!
HE WAS A QUIET MAN. PAID HIS RENT ON TIME.
NOW GO AWAY.
STRANGE LAD. POOR STUDENT. NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN AFTER THAT TRAGEDY AT HOMECOMING...
THAT'S *PRIVILEGED INFORMATION*, BUT OFF THE RECORD--
--I'D AVOID HIM LIKE THE *PLAGUE!*
FROM WHAT I'M HEARING--
--I'M ALMOST STARTING TO MISS *VENOM!*

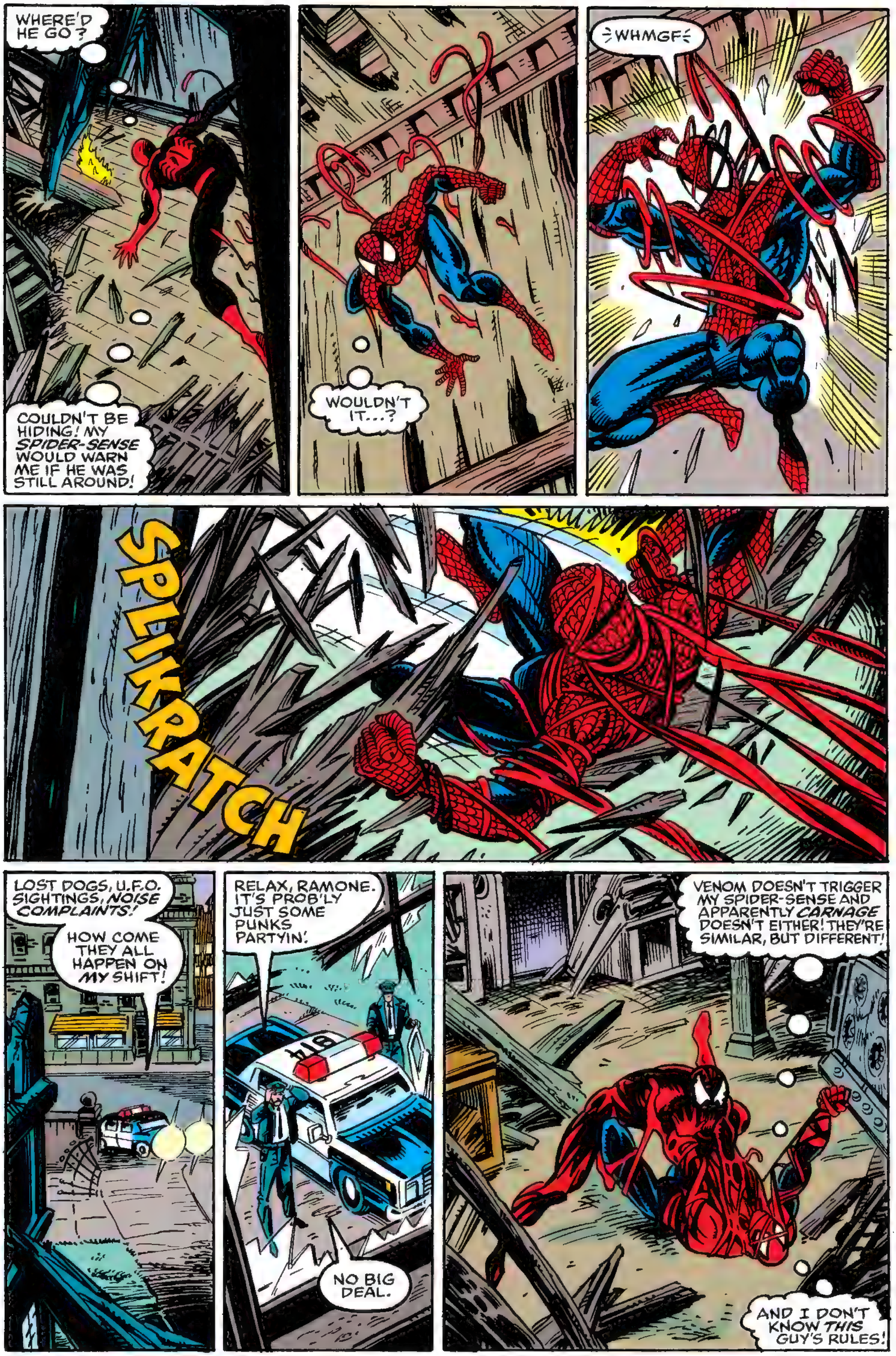

BUT AS THE NIGHT AGES, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SPIDER-MAN'S *CURRENT* QUARRY--
--IS BROOKLYN BORN!
YEESH! THIS DUMP'D BE SPOOKY EVEN IN *DAYLIGHT!*
BUT FROM WHAT I'VE LEARNED, IT'S THE ONLY PLACE KASADY EVER CALLED "HOME".
BE IT EVER SO JUMBLED...!
WAIT! SOUNDS LIKE A *CHILD'S* VOICE!
HIYA, BINKY! MISS ME?
KIDS PLAY IN ABANDONED BUILDINGS ALL THE TIME!
BUT AT *MIDNIGHT?*
AWW, I MISSED YOU, TOO!
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM--THERE!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO EVER -SNIFF- UNDERSTOOD.
THAT'S NO KID!
IT'S *KASADY!*
WHAT'S THAT, BINKY? WE HAVE *COMPANY?*

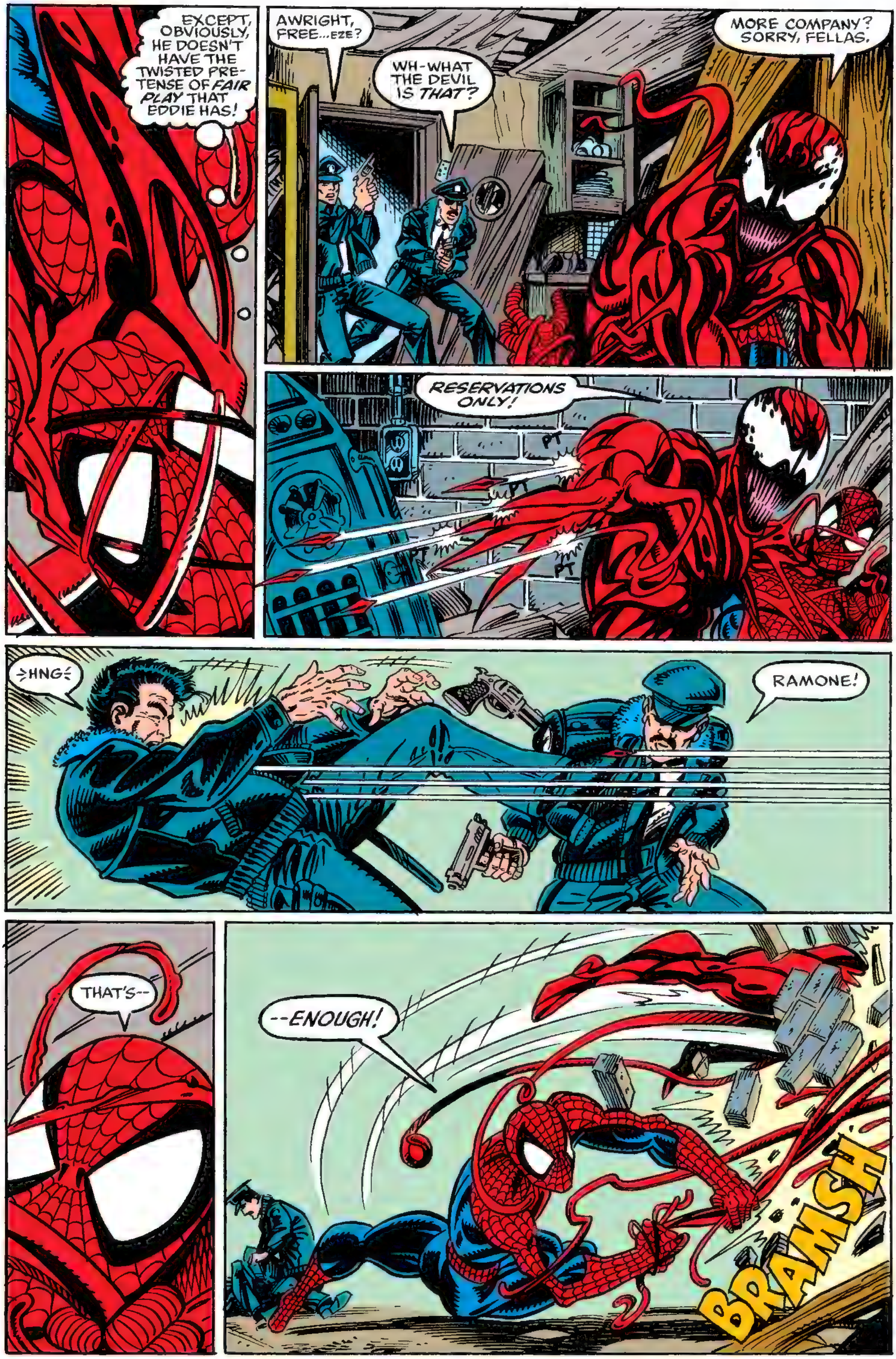

SOMEONE'S COME TO VISIT? COME TO--
--VIOLATE... *OUR*... *SANCTUARY?*
HEAVEN HELP ME!
I WAS RIGHT!
SPIDER-MAN! C'MON DOWN! *YOU'RE* THE NEXT VICTIM OF--
--CARNAGE!


YOWK! *VENOM* COULD NEVER SOLIDIFY HIS COSTUME LIKE THAT!
THWIP
BETTER *BLIND* HIM WITH WEBBING AND MOVE IN CLOSE!
NO GO, WEBSTER!
SPLAK
I DON'T NEED *EYES* TO SEE *YOU!*
COSTUME MUST RELAY INFORMATION, JUST LIKE THE VENOM SYMBIOTE!
STRANDS *SLITHERING UP* MY WEBLINE, TOO FAST FOR ME TO LET *GO!*
GOOD THING MY SPIDER POWERS CAN *ANCHOR* ME TO THIS WALL!
CHRRRANCH


WHAMPH
W...WOOZY! GOTTA GET HIM TALKING! B-BUY TIME TO CLEAR MY HEAD!
NOT B-BAD, FOR A TWO-BIT *VENOM!*
BROCK?! *THAT* WIMP? HE'S THROUGH! EVEN LEFT HIS "OTHER" WITH ME WHEN HE SPLIT!
NOW *WE'RE* GONNA SHOW THE WORLD THE TRUTH! AN' THE TRUTH IS--
--*CARNAGE!*
I DON'T GET IT! EDDIE STILL HAS THE ALIEN WITH *HIM* ON THAT ISLAND!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
KRRITCH
"AND MORE IMPORTANTLY--
"--HOW DO I *SURVIVE* IT?"


GEE, WEBSTER, I DUNNO WHY EDDIE RAGGED ON YA SO MUCH!
I THINK YOU'RE KINDA *FUN!*
I MEAN, I COULD REALLY GET INTO REUNION BATTLES, GRUDGE BOUTS!
Y'KNOW THE KINDA STUFF THE *TABLOIDS* DIG!
TOO BAD I GOTTA CUT THIS SHORT--
--BY KILLIN' YA *NOW!*
SHHHONK
THAT'S A NEW TRICK!
BUT MAYBE I CAN GRAB THE AXE AND USE IT AGAINST--
--HIM? TURNING TO *DUST!*
GUESS THE COSTUME'S SUBSTANCE CAN'T MAINTAIN *MOLECULAR INTEGRITY* WHEN SEPARATED FROM THE MAIN BODY!
AND UNLESS I WANT MY *HEAD* SEPARATED FROM MY *OWN* BODY, I'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON-- HNH?


WHERE'D HE GO?
COULDN'T BE HIDING! MY *SPIDER-SENSE* WOULD WARN ME IF HE WAS STILL AROUND!
WOULDN'T IT...?
WHMGF
SPLIKRATCH
LOST DOGS, U.F.O. SIGHTINGS, *NOISE COMPLAINTS!*
HOW COME THEY ALL HAPPEN ON *MY* SHIFT!
RELAX, RAMONE. IT'S PROB'LY JUST SOME PUNKS PARTYIN'.
NO BIG DEAL.
VENOM DOESN'T TRIGGER MY SPIDER-SENSE AND APPARENTLY *CARNAGE* DOESN'T EITHER! THEY'RE SIMILAR, BUT DIFFERENT!
AND I DON'T KNOW *THIS* GUY'S RULES!


EXCEPT, OBVIOUSLY, HE DOESN'T HAVE THE TWISTED PRETENSE OF *FAIR PLAY* THAT EDDIE HAS!
AWRIGHT, FREE...EZE?
WH-WHAT THE DEVIL IS *THAT?*
MORE COMPANY? SORRY, FELLAS.
RESERVATIONS ONLY!
PT
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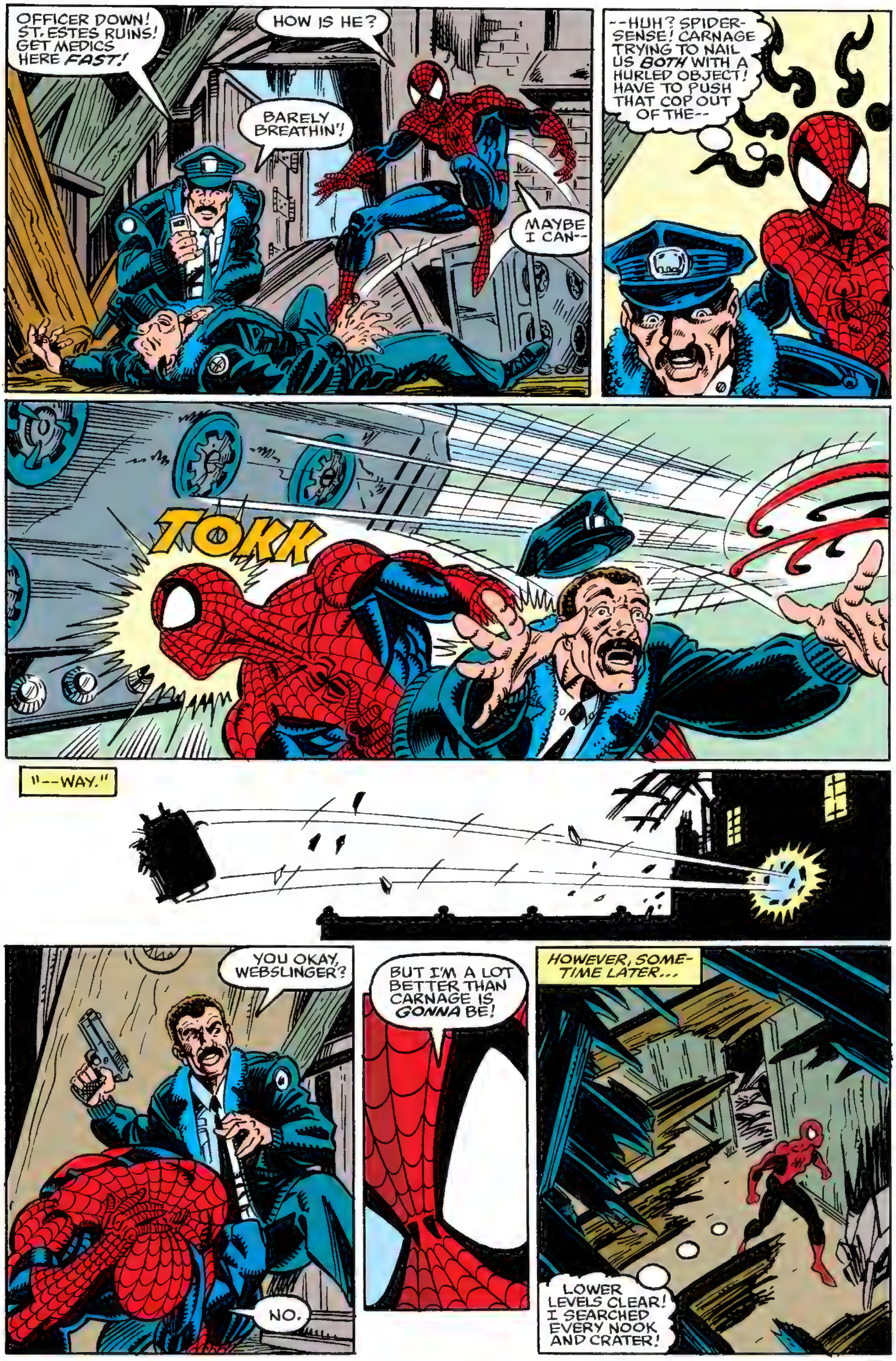
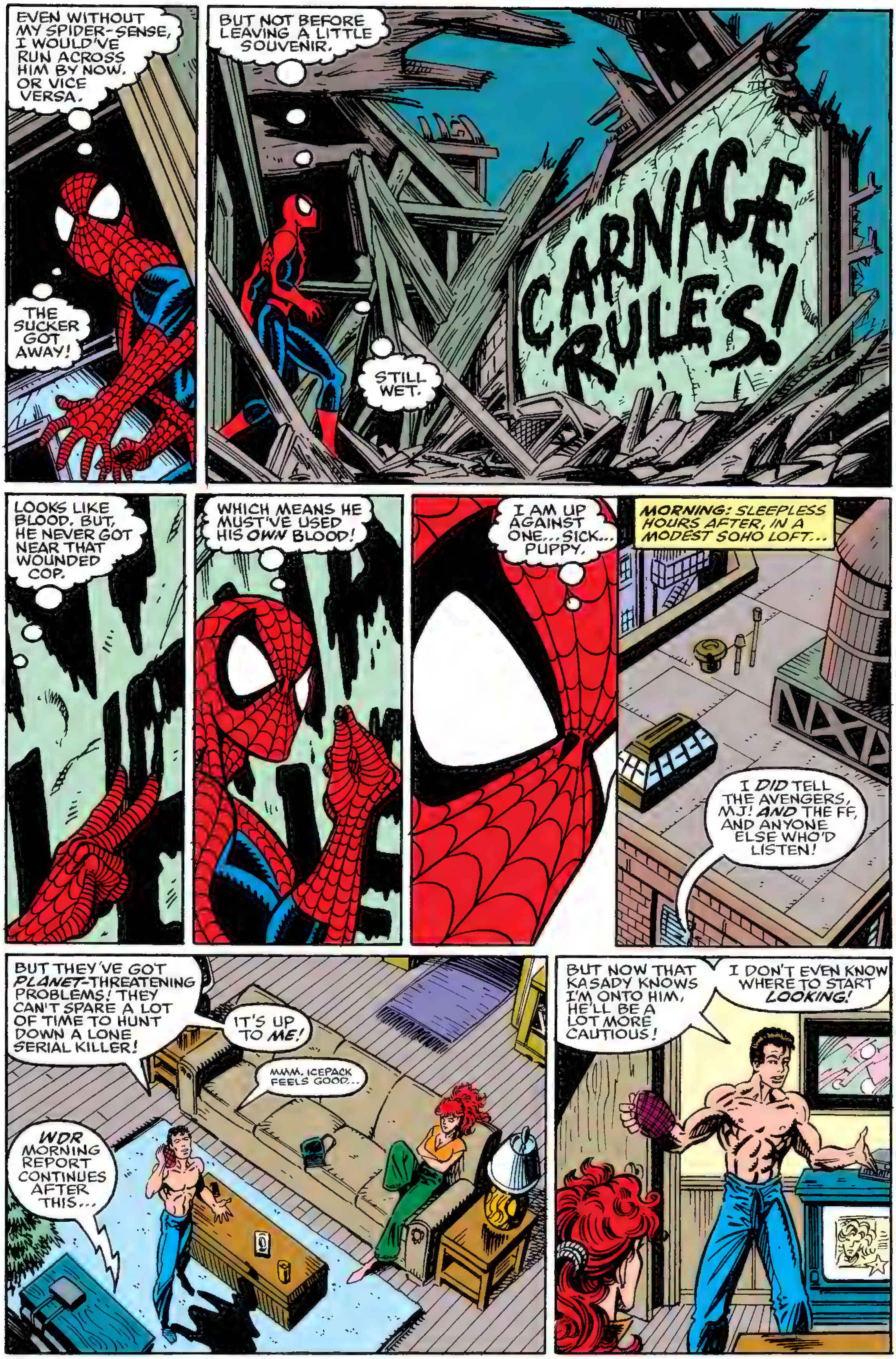
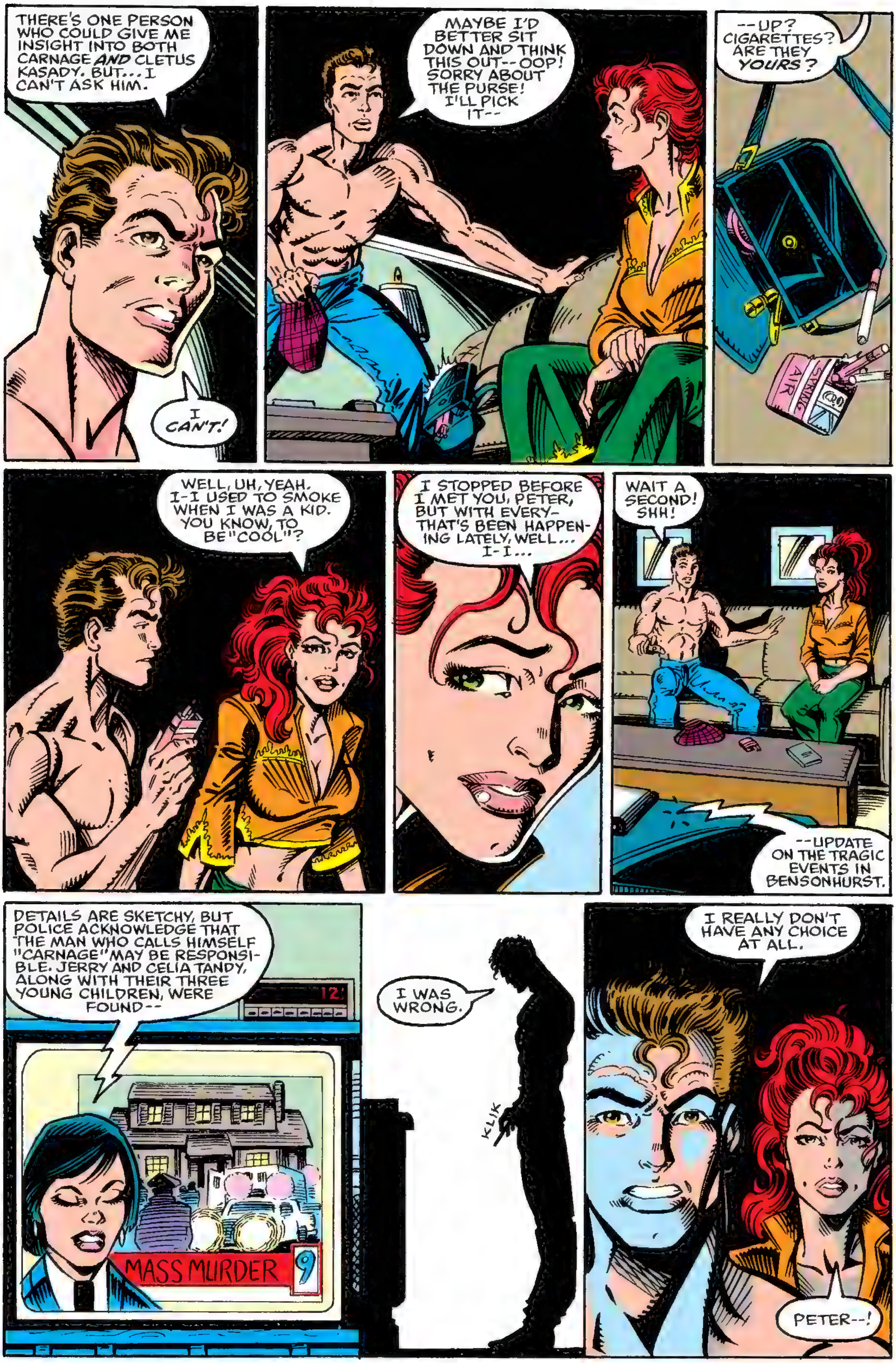
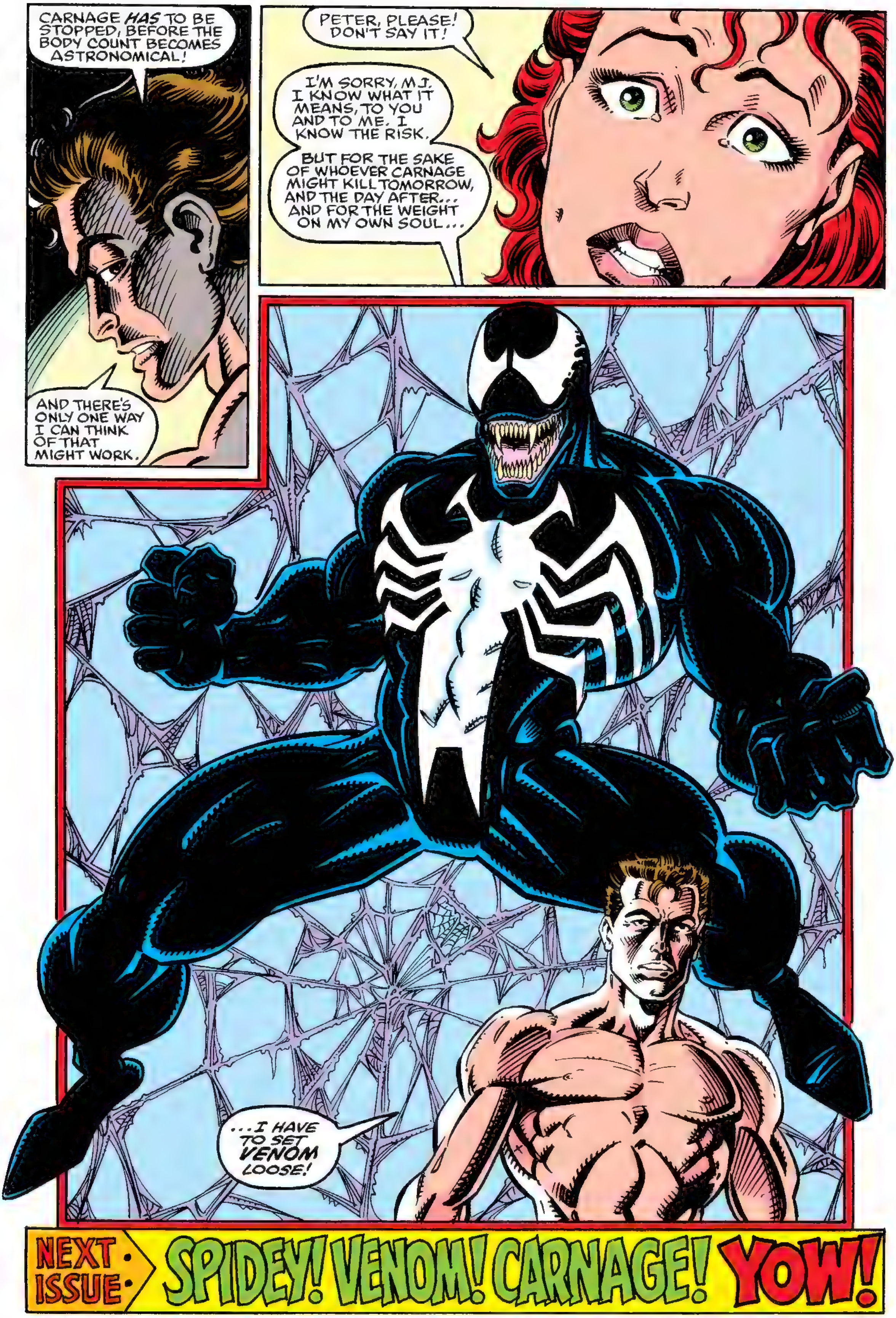
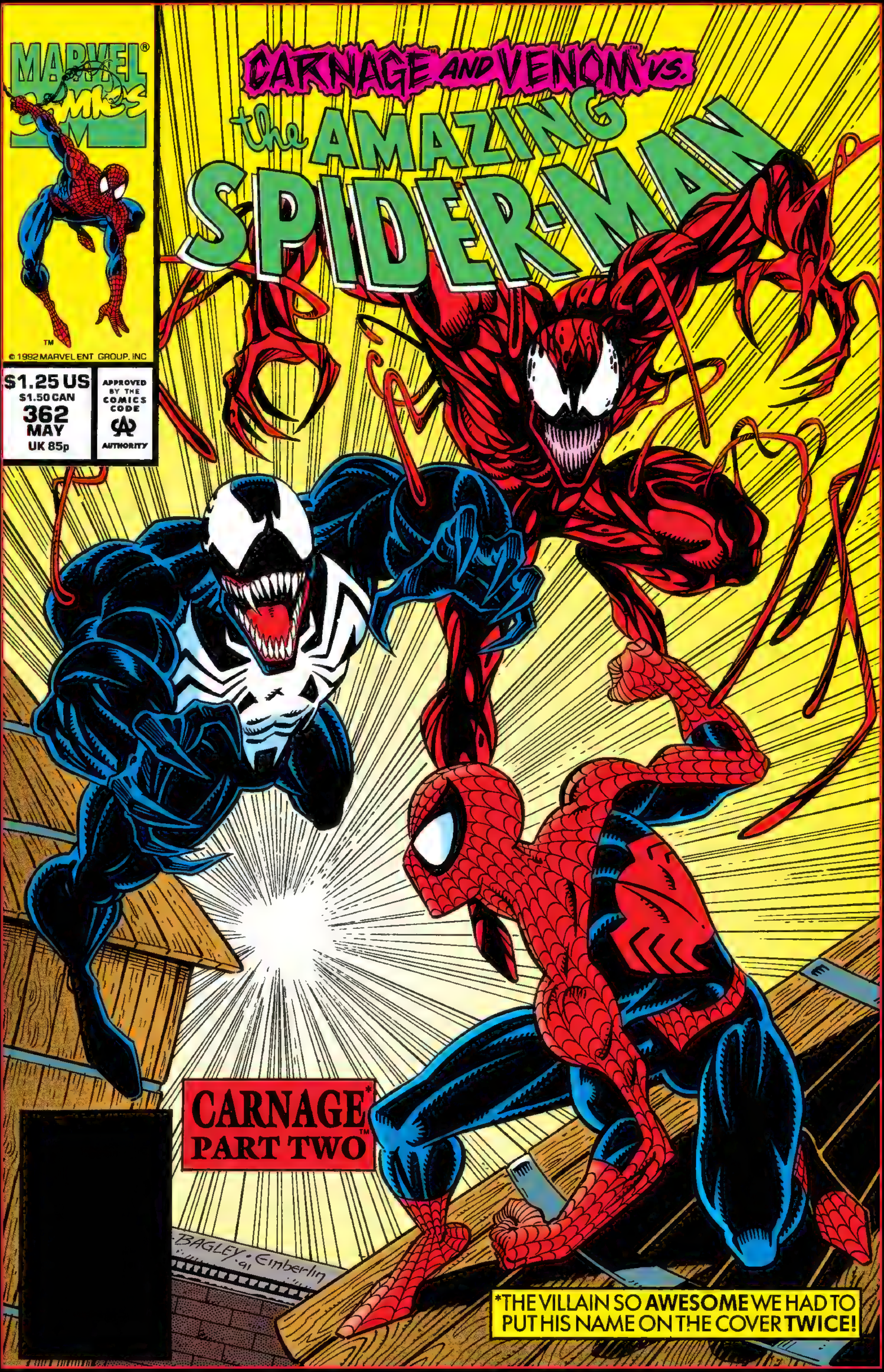
HNG
RAMONE!
THAT'S--
--*ENOUGH!*
BRAMSH


OFFICER DOWN! ST. ESTES RUINS! GET MEDICS HERE *FAST!*
HOW IS HE?
BARELY BREATHIN'!
MAYBE I CAN--
--HUH? SPIDER-SENSE! CARNAGE TRYING TO NAIL US *BOTH* WITH A HURLED OBJECT! HAVE TO PUSH THAT COP OUT OF THE--
TOKK
"--WAY."
YOU OKAY, WEBSLINGER?
NO.
BUT I'M A LOT BETTER THAN CARNAGE IS *GONNA* BE!
HOWEVER, SOME-TIME LATER...
LOWER LEVELS CLEAR! I SEARCHED EVERY NOOK AND CRATER!


EVEN WITHOUT MY SPIDER-SENSE, I WOULD'VE RUN ACROSS HIM BY NOW. OR VICE VERSA.
THE SUCKER GOT AWAY!
BUT NOT BEFORE LEAVING A LITTLE SOUVENIR.
CARNAGE RULES!
STILL WET.
LOOKS LIKE BLOOD. BUT, HE NEVER GOT NEAR THAT WOUNDED COP.
WHICH MEANS HE MUST'VE USED HIS *OWN* BLOOD!
I AM UP AGAINST ONE... SICK... PUPPY.
MORNING: *SLEEPLESS HOURS AFTER, IN A MODEST SOHO LOFT...*
I *DID* TELL THE AVENGERS, MJ! ***AND*** THE FF, AND ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LISTEN!
BUT THEY'VE GOT ***PLANET***-THREATENING PROBLEMS! THEY CAN'T SPARE A LOT OF TIME TO HUNT DOWN A LONE SERIAL KILLER!
IT'S UP TO ***ME!***
MMM. ICEPACK FEELS GOOD...
WDR MORNING REPORT CONTINUES AFTER THIS...
BUT NOW THAT KASADY KNOWS I'M ONTO HIM, HE'LL BE A LOT MORE CAUTIOUS!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START ***LOOKING!***


THERE'S ONE PERSON WHO COULD GIVE ME INSIGHT INTO BOTH CARNAGE *AND* CLETUS KASADY. BUT... I CAN'T ASK HIM.
I *CAN'T!*
MAYBE I'D BETTER SIT DOWN AND THINK THIS OUT--OOP! SORRY ABOUT THE PURSE! I'LL PICK IT--
--UP? CIGARETTES? ARE THEY *YOURS?*
AIR
WELL, UH, YEAH. I-I USED TO SMOKE WHEN I WAS A KID. YOU KNOW, TO BE "COOL"?
I STOPPED BEFORE I MET YOU, PETER, BUT WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING LATELY, WELL... I-I...
WAIT A SECOND! SHH!
--UPDATE ON THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN BENSONHURST.
DETAILS ARE SKETCHY, BUT POLICE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF "CARNAGE" MAY BE RESPONSIBLE. JERRY AND CELIA TANDY, ALONG WITH THEIR THREE YOUNG CHILDREN, WERE FOUND--
12:
MASS MURDER
9
I WAS WRONG.
KLIK
I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE AT ALL.
PETER--!


CARNAGE *HAS* TO BE STOPPED, BEFORE THE BODY COUNT BECOMES ASTRONOMICAL!
PETER, PLEASE! DON'T SAY IT!
I'M SORRY, M.J. I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS, TO YOU AND TO ME. I KNOW THE RISK.
BUT FOR THE SAKE OF WHOEVER CARNAGE MIGHT KILL TOMORROW, AND THE DAY AFTER... AND FOR THE WEIGHT ON MY OWN SOUL...
AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY I CAN THINK OF THAT MIGHT WORK.
...I HAVE TO SET VENOM LOOSE!
NEXT ISSUE: SPIDEY! VENOM! CARNAGE! YOW!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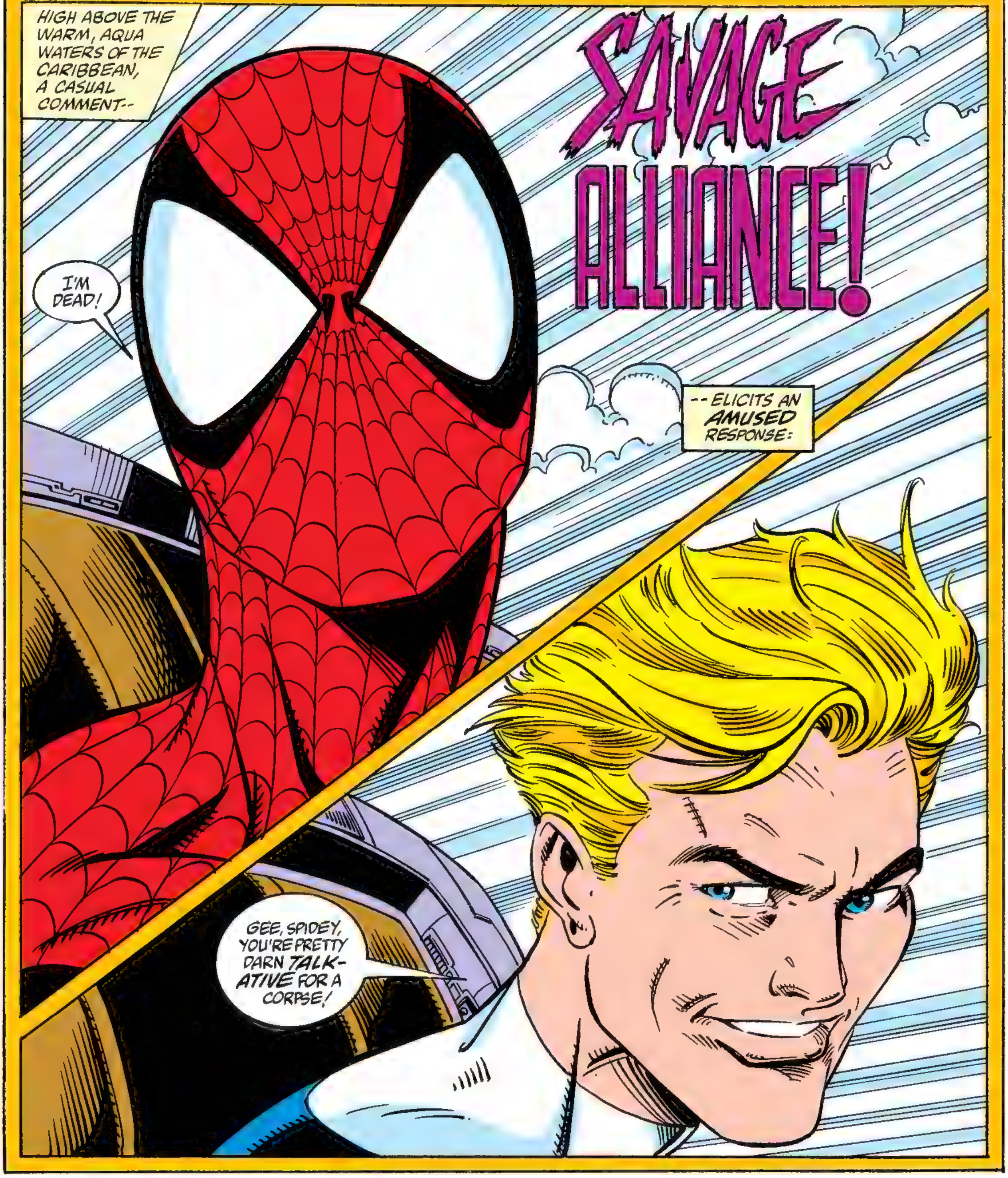
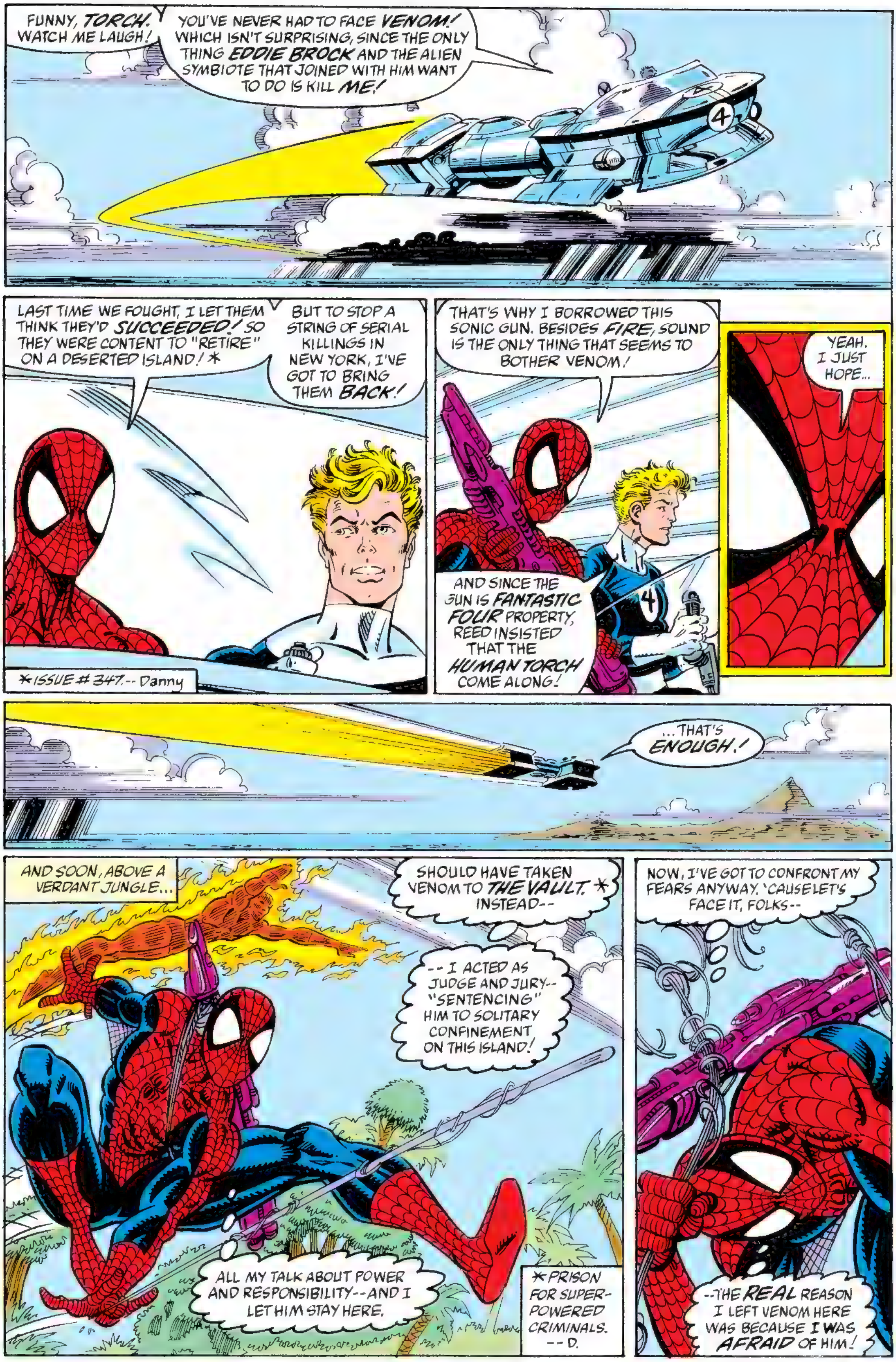
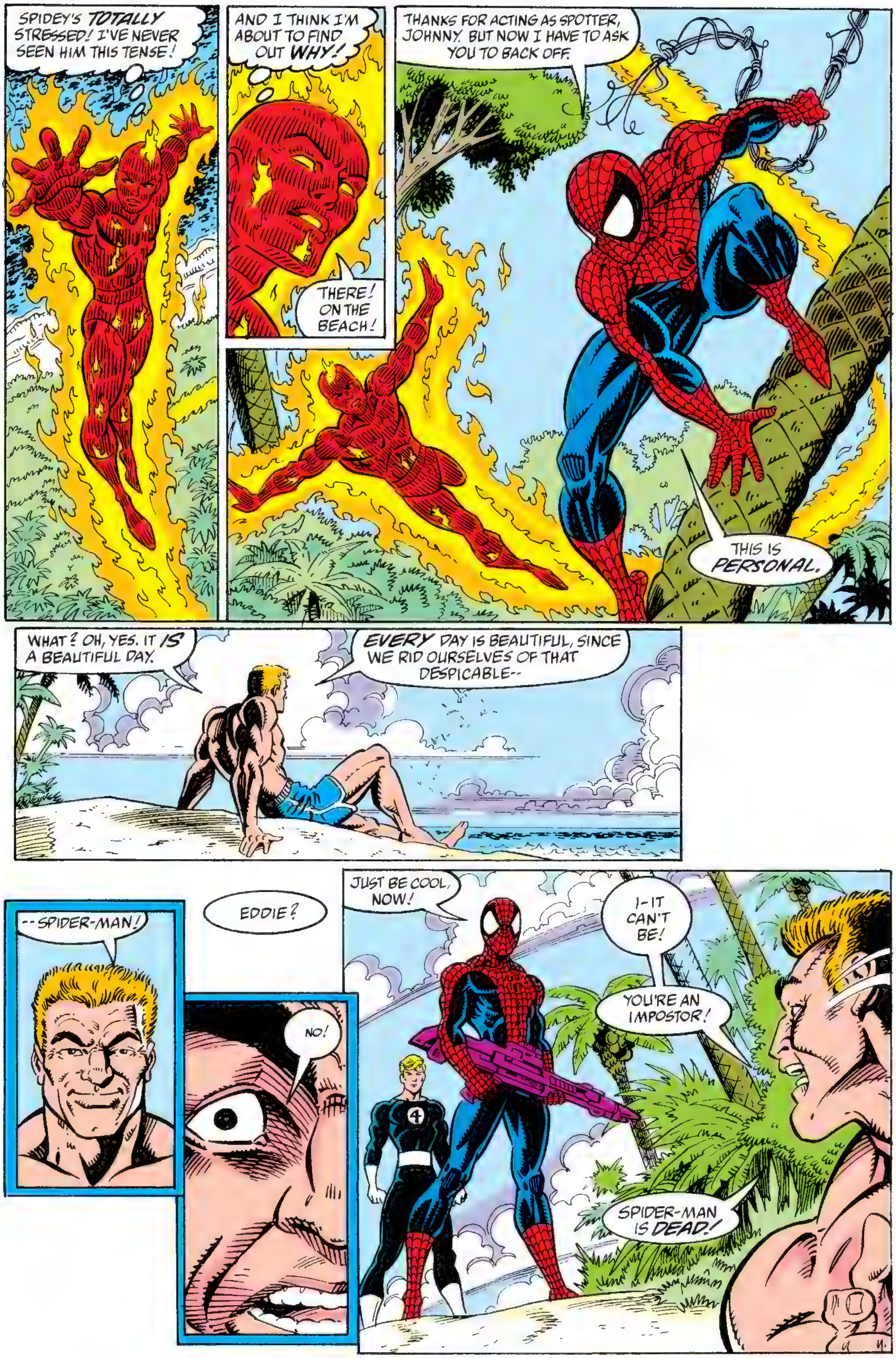
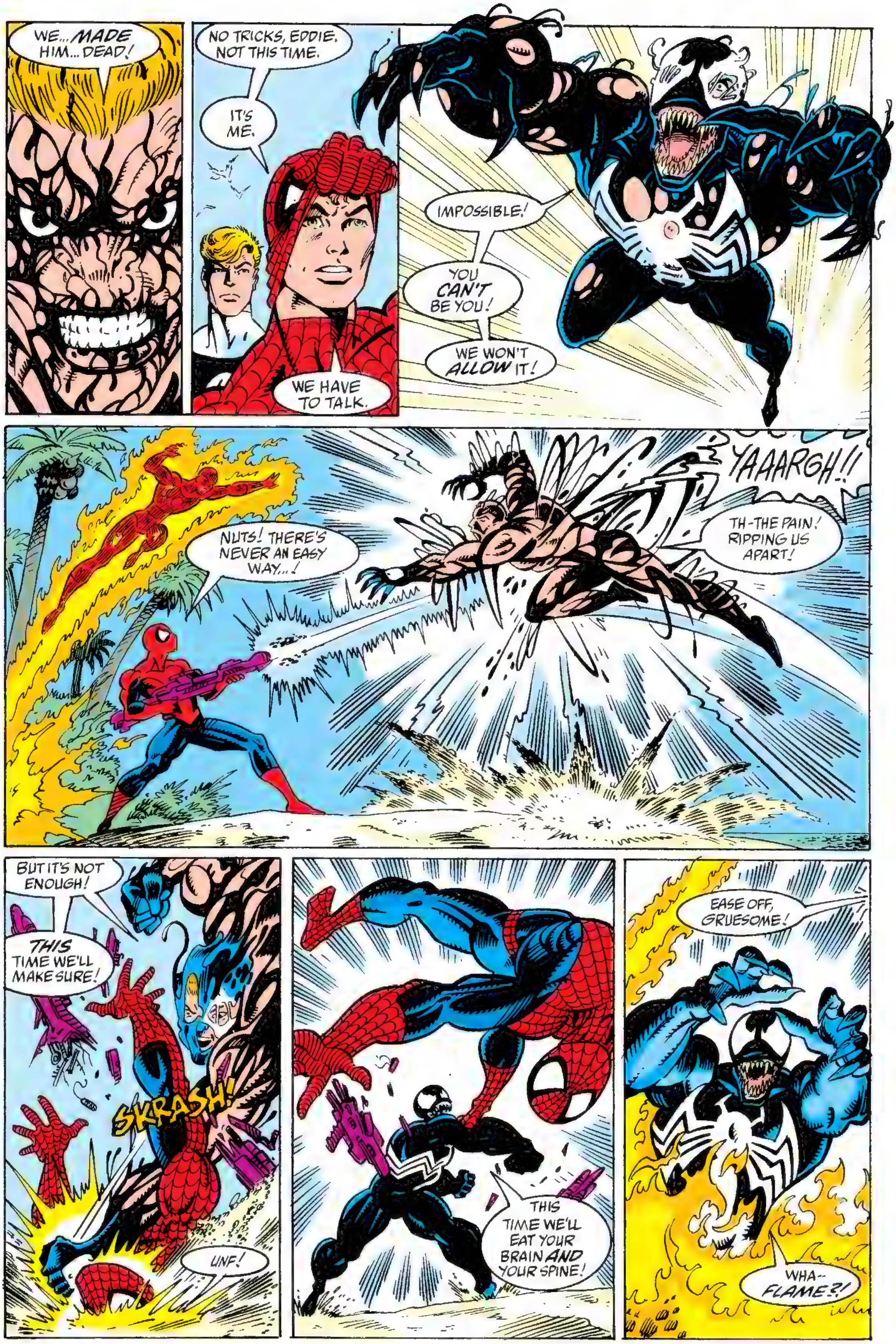
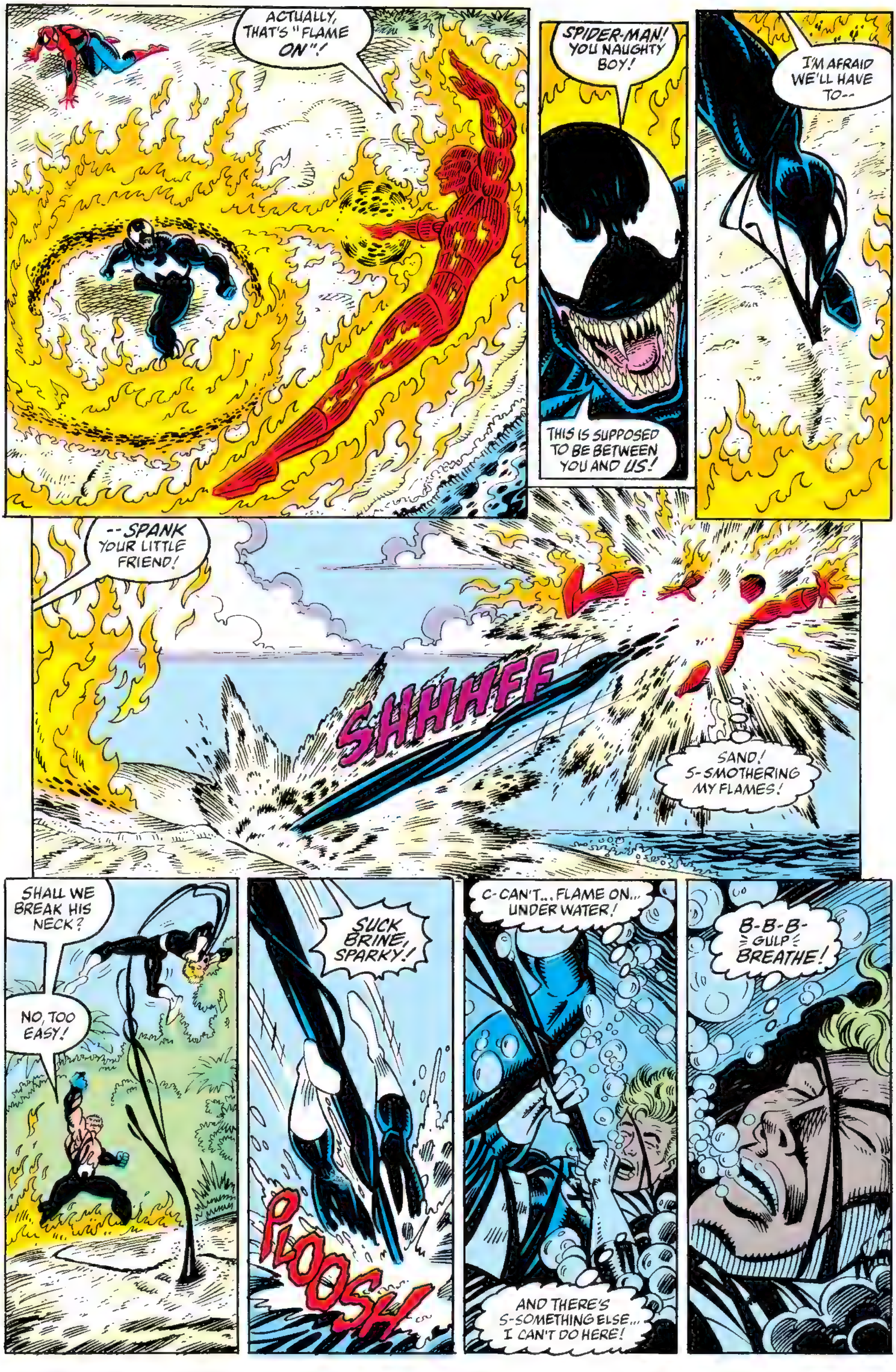
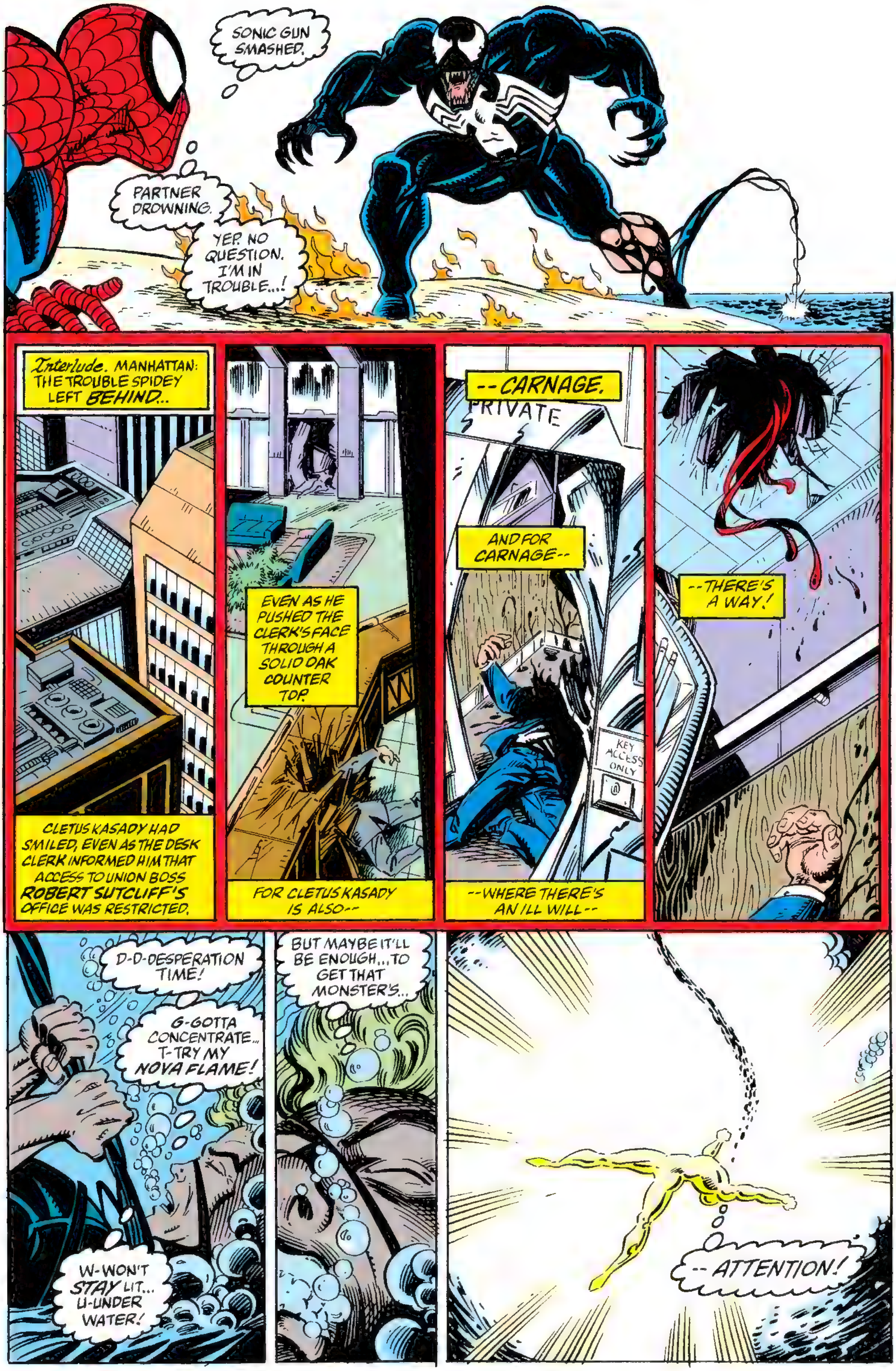

HIGH ABOVE THE WARM, AQUA WATERS OF THE CARIBBEAN, A CASUAL COMMENT--
I'M DEAD!
--ELICITS AN AMUSED RESPONSE:
GEE, SPIDEY, YOU'RE PRETTY DARN TALK-ATIVE FOR A CORPSE!

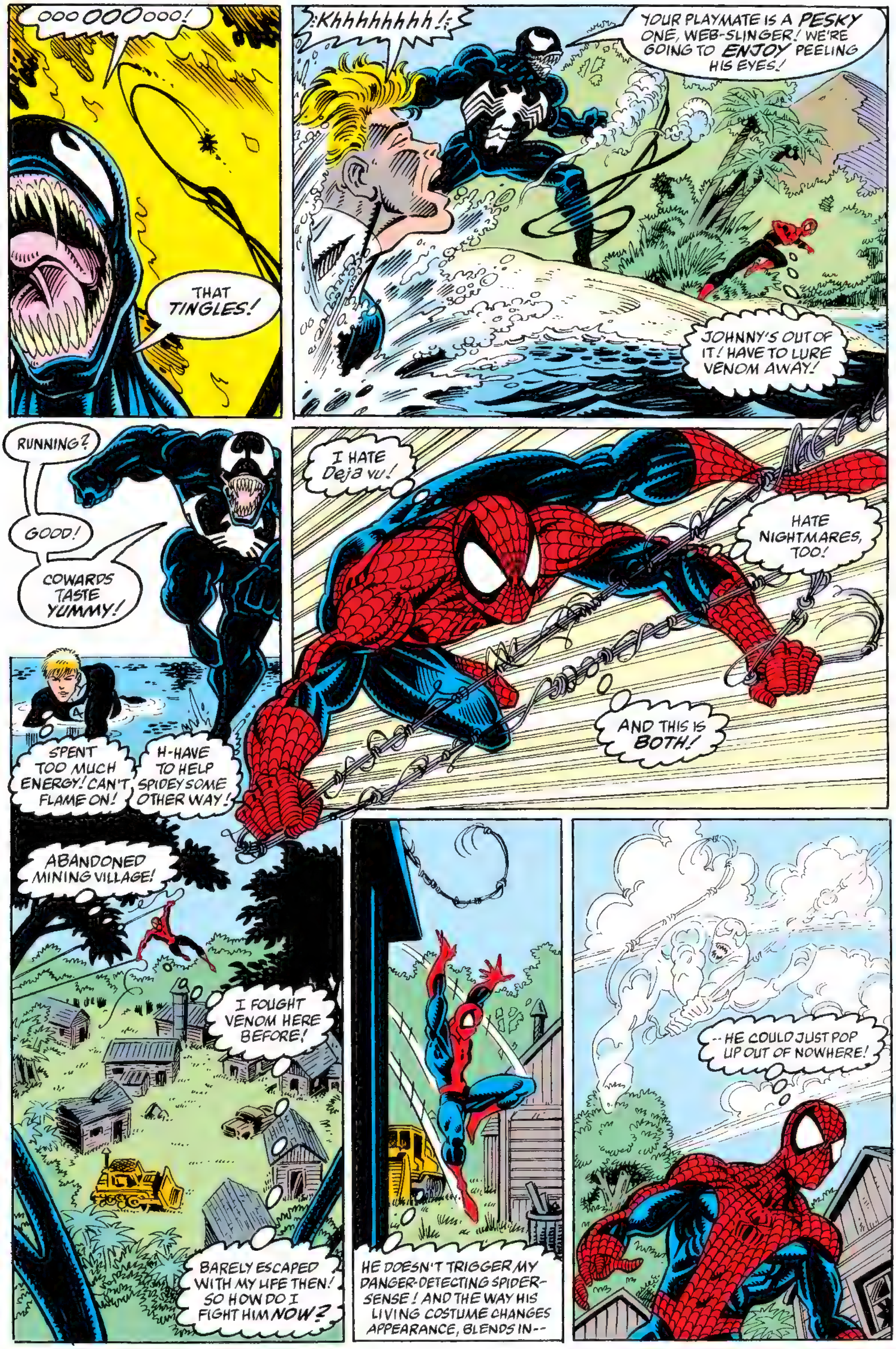

FUNNY, TORCH. WATCH ME LAUGH!
YOU'VE NEVER HAD TO FACE VENOM! WHICH ISN'T SURPRISING, SINCE THE ONLY THING EDDIE BROCK AND THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE THAT JOINED WITH HIM WANT TO DO IS KILL ME!
4
LAST TIME WE FOUGHT, I LET THEM THINK THEY'D SUCCEEDED! SO THEY WERE CONTENT TO "RETIRE" ON A DESERTED ISLAND! *
BUT TO STOP A STRING OF SERIAL KILLINGS IN NEW YORK, I'VE GOT TO BRING THEM BACK!
*ISSUE #347.-- Danny
THAT'S WHY I BORROWED THIS SONIC GUN. BESIDES FIRE, SOUND IS THE ONLY THING THAT SEEMS TO BOTHER VENOM!
AND SINCE THE GUN IS FANTASTIC FOUR PROPERTY, REED INSISTED THAT THE HUMAN TORCH COME ALONG!
4
YEAH. I JUST HOPE...
...THAT'S ENOUGH!
AND SOON, ABOVE A VERDANT JUNGLE...
SHOULD HAVE TAKEN VENOM TO THE VAULT.* INSTEAD--
--I ACTED AS JUDGE AND JURY--"SENTENCING" HIM TO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT ON THIS ISLAND!
ALL MY TALK ABOUT POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY--AND I LET HIM STAY HERE.
*PRISON FOR SUPER-POWERED CRIMINALS. --D.
NOW, I'VE GOT TO CONFRONT MY FEARS ANYWAY. 'CAUSE LET'S FACE IT, FOLKS--
--THE REAL REASON I LEFT VENOM HERE WAS BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID OF HIM!

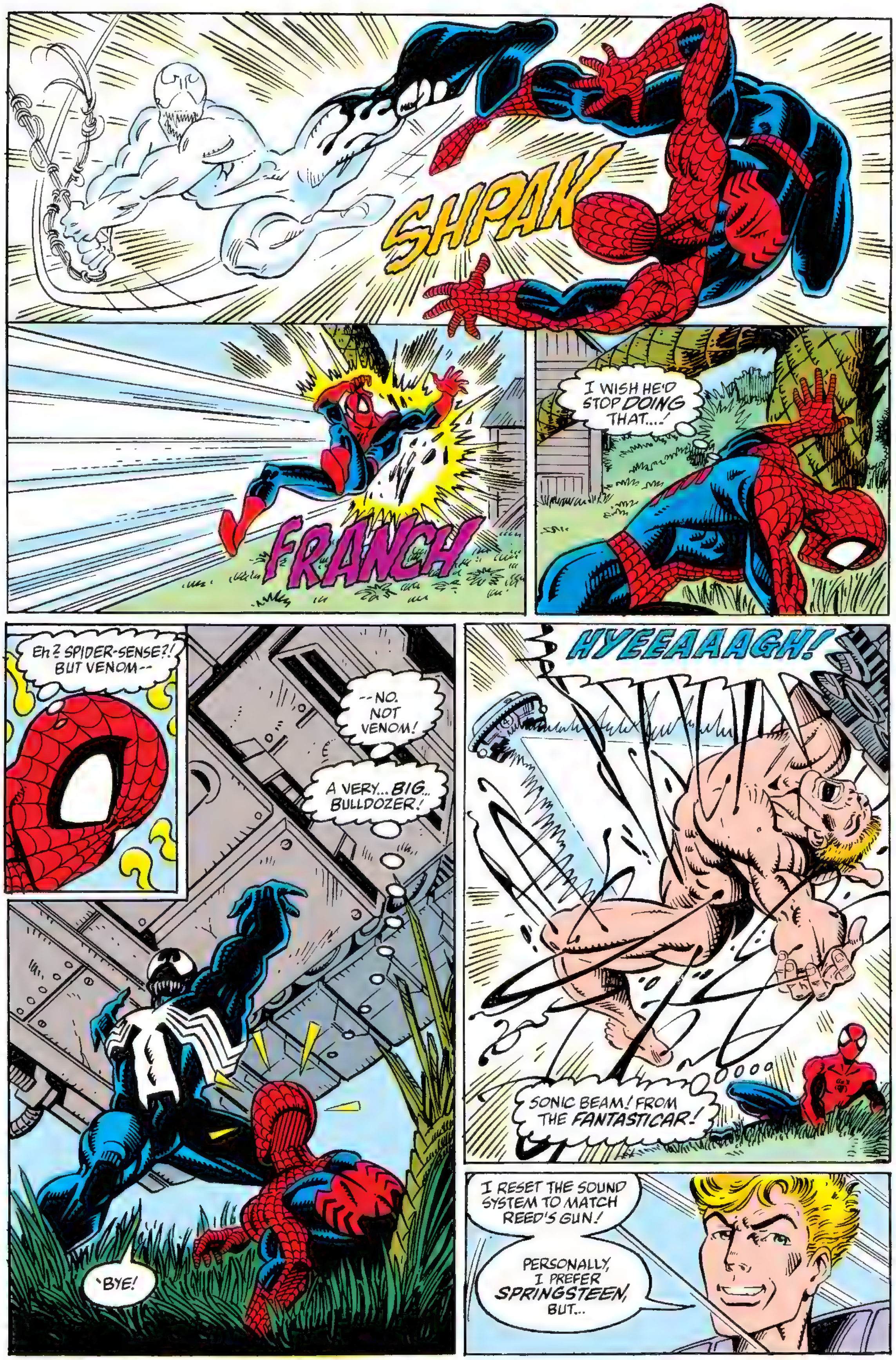

SPIDEY'S *TOTALLY* STRESSED! I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM THIS TENSE!
AND I THINK I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT *WHY!*
THERE! ON THE BEACH!
THANKS FOR ACTING AS SPOTTER, JOHNNY. BUT NOW I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO BACK OFF.
THIS IS *PERSONAL.*
WHAT? OH, YES. IT *IS* A BEAUTIFUL DAY.
EVERY DAY IS BEAUTIFUL, SINCE WE RID OURSELVES OF THAT DESPICABLE--
--SPIDER-MAN!
EDDIE?
NO!
JUST BE COOL, NOW!
I-IT CAN'T BE!
YOU'RE AN IMPOSTOR!
SPIDER-MAN IS *DEAD!*

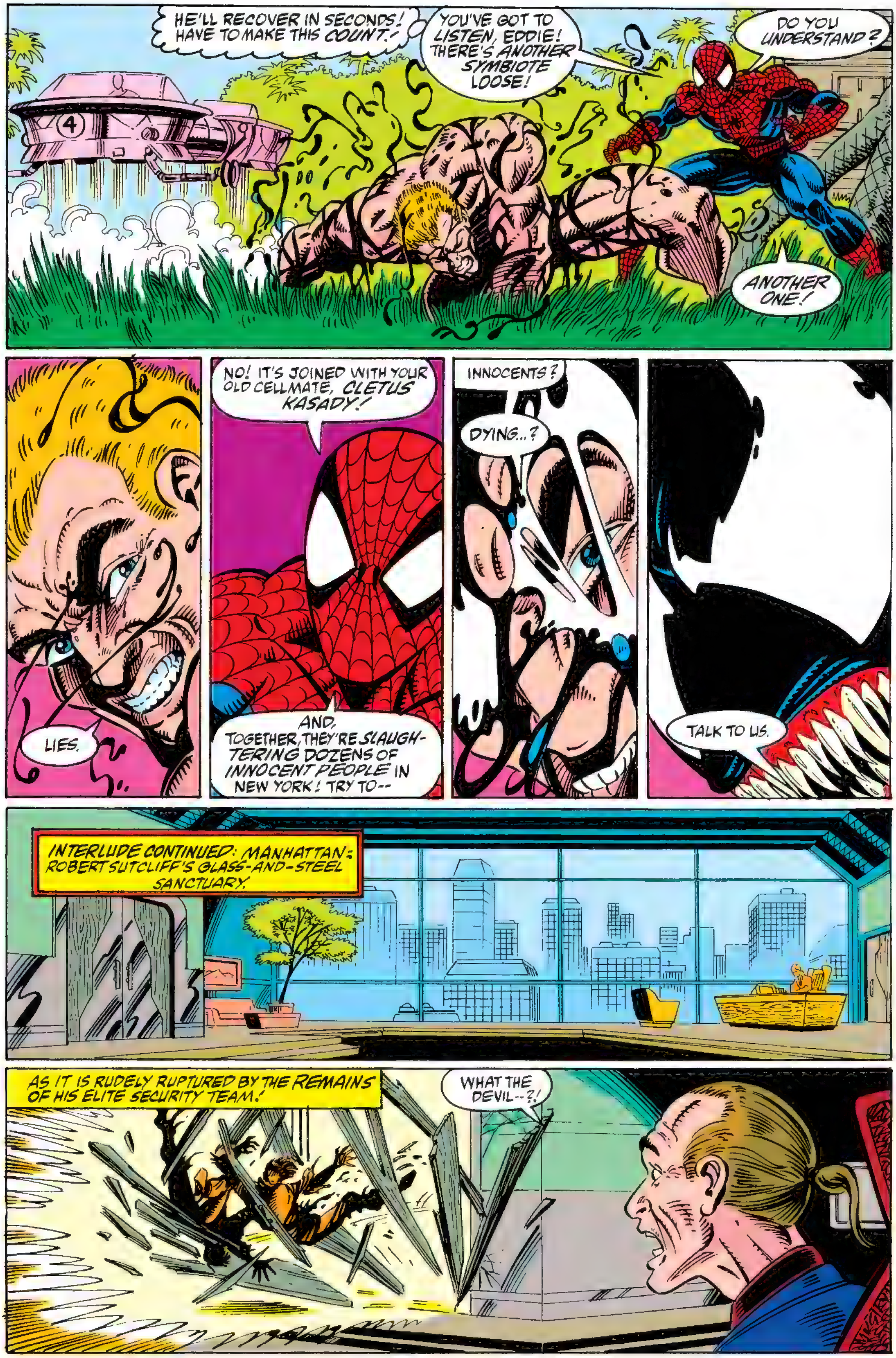

WE... MADE HIM... DEAD!
NO TRICKS, EDDIE. NOT THIS TIME.
IT'S ME.
WE HAVE TO TALK.
IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU CAN'T BE YOU!
WE WON'T ALLOW IT!
YAAARGH!!
NUTS! THERE'S NEVER AN EASY WAY...!
TH-THE PAIN! RIPPING US APART!
BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH!
THIS TIME WE'LL MAKE SURE!
SKRASH!
UNF!
THIS TIME WE'LL EAT YOUR BRAIN AND YOUR SPINE!
EASE OFF, GRUESOME!
WHA-- FLAME?!

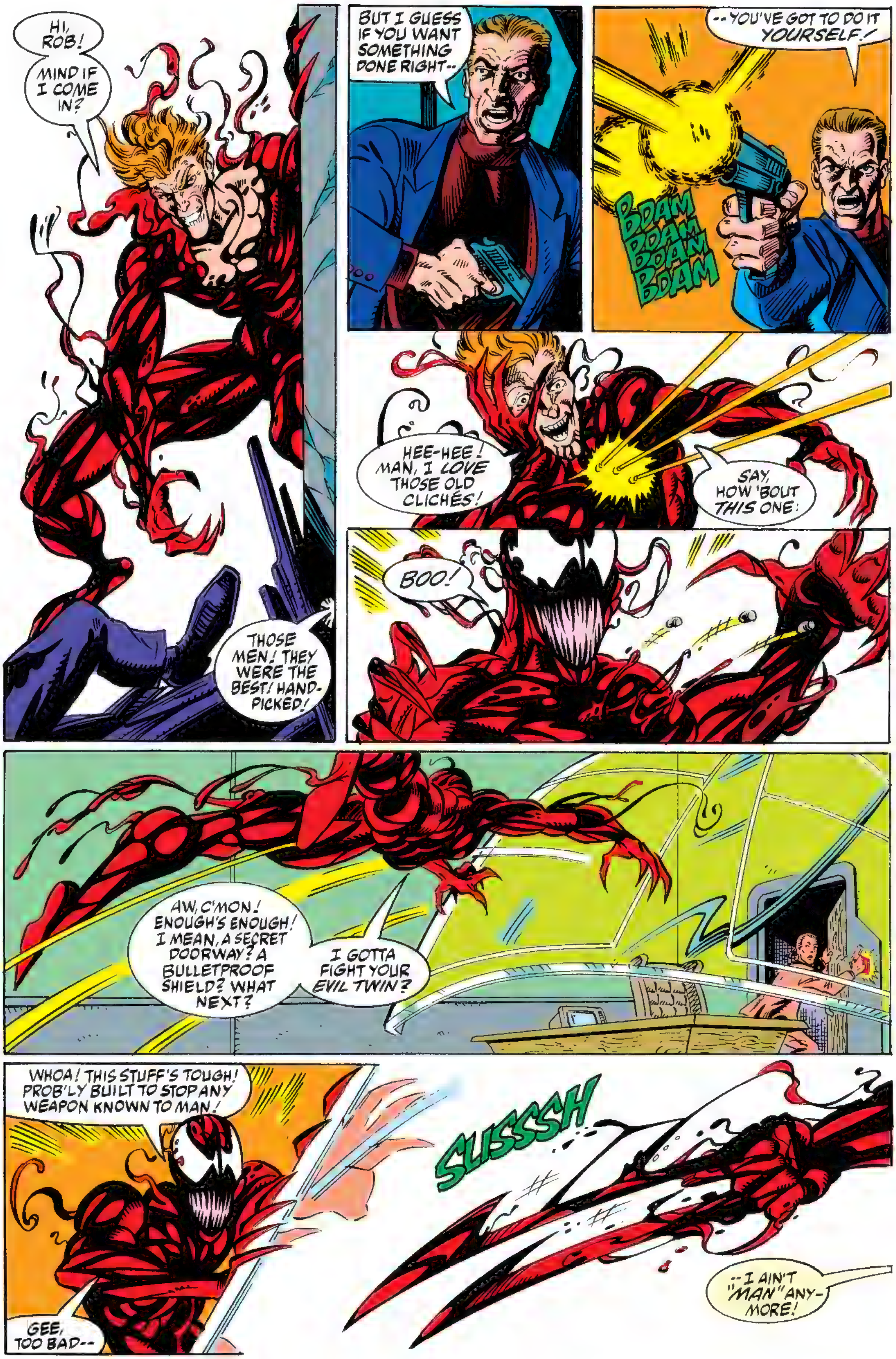

ACTUALLY, THAT'S "FLAME ON"!
SPIDER-MAN! YOU NAUGHTY BOY!
THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE BETWEEN YOU AND US!
I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO--
--SPANK YOUR LITTLE FRIEND!
SHHHFF
SAND! S-SMOTHERING MY FLAMES!
SHALL WE BREAK HIS NECK?
NO, TOO EASY!
SUCK BRINE, SPARKY!
PLOOSH
C-CAN'T... FLAME ON... UNDER WATER!
AND THERE'S S-SOMETHING ELSE... I CAN'T DO HERE!
B-B-B- GULP BREATHE!

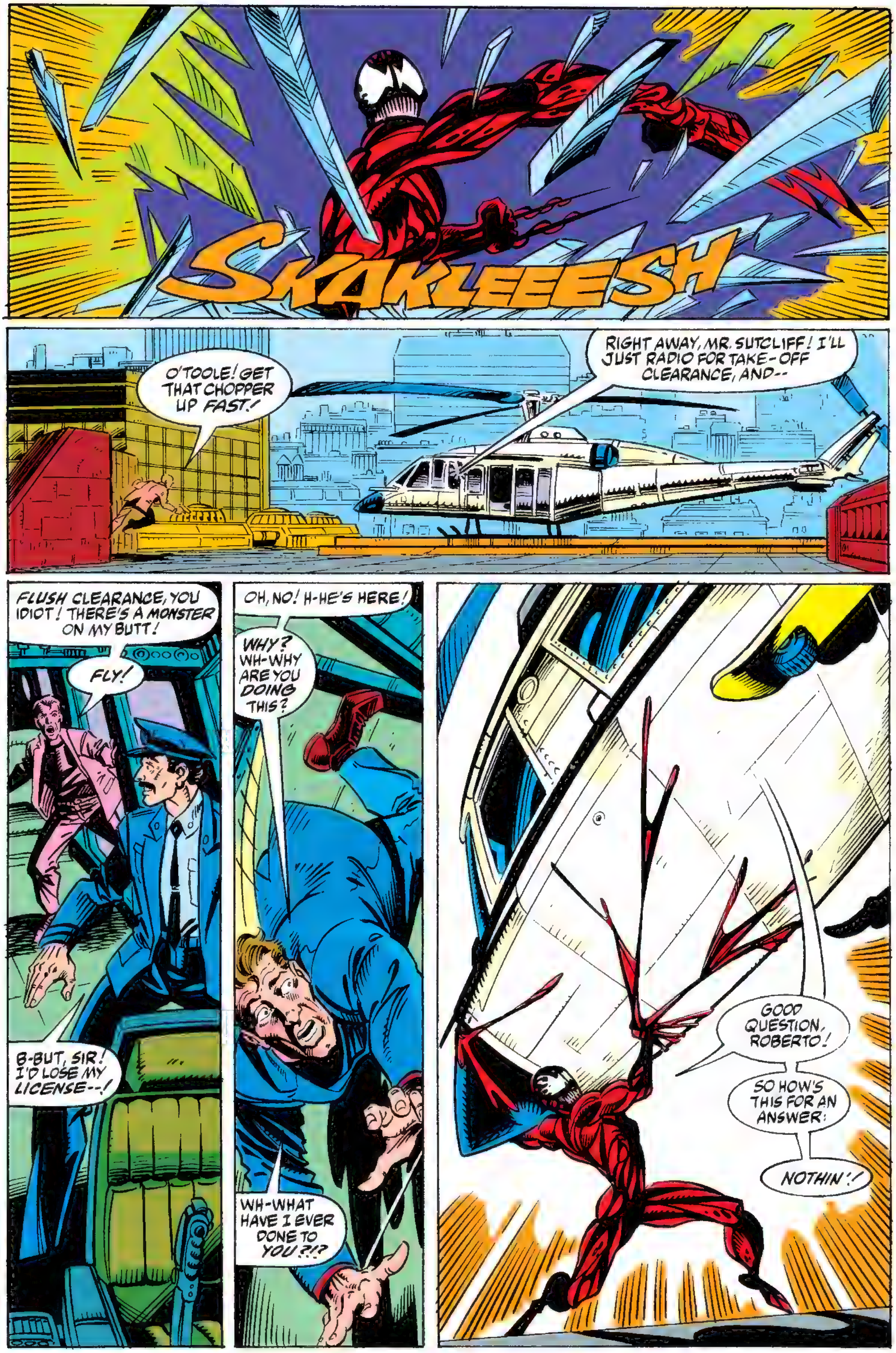

SONIC GUN SMASHED.
PARTNER DROWNING.
YEP. NO QUESTION. I'M IN TROUBLE...!
Interlude. MANHATTAN: THE TROUBLE SPIDEY LEFT BEHIND...
CLETUS KASADY HAD SMILED, EVEN AS THE DESK CLERK INFORMED HIM THAT ACCESS TO UNION BOSS ROBERT SUTCLIFF'S OFFICE WAS RESTRICTED.
EVEN AS HE PUSHED THE CLERK'S FACE THROUGH A SOLID OAK COUNTER TOP.
FOR CLETUS KASADY IS ALSO--
--CARNAGE.
PRIVATE
AND FOR CARNAGE--
KEY ACCESS ONLY
--WHERE THERE'S AN ILL WILL--
--THERE'S A WAY!
D-D-DESPERATION TIME!
G-GOTTA CONCENTRATE... T-TRY MY NOVA FLAME!
W-WON'T STAY LIT... U-UNDER WATER!
BUT MAYBE IT'LL BE ENOUGH... TO GET THAT MONSTER'S...
--ATTENTION!

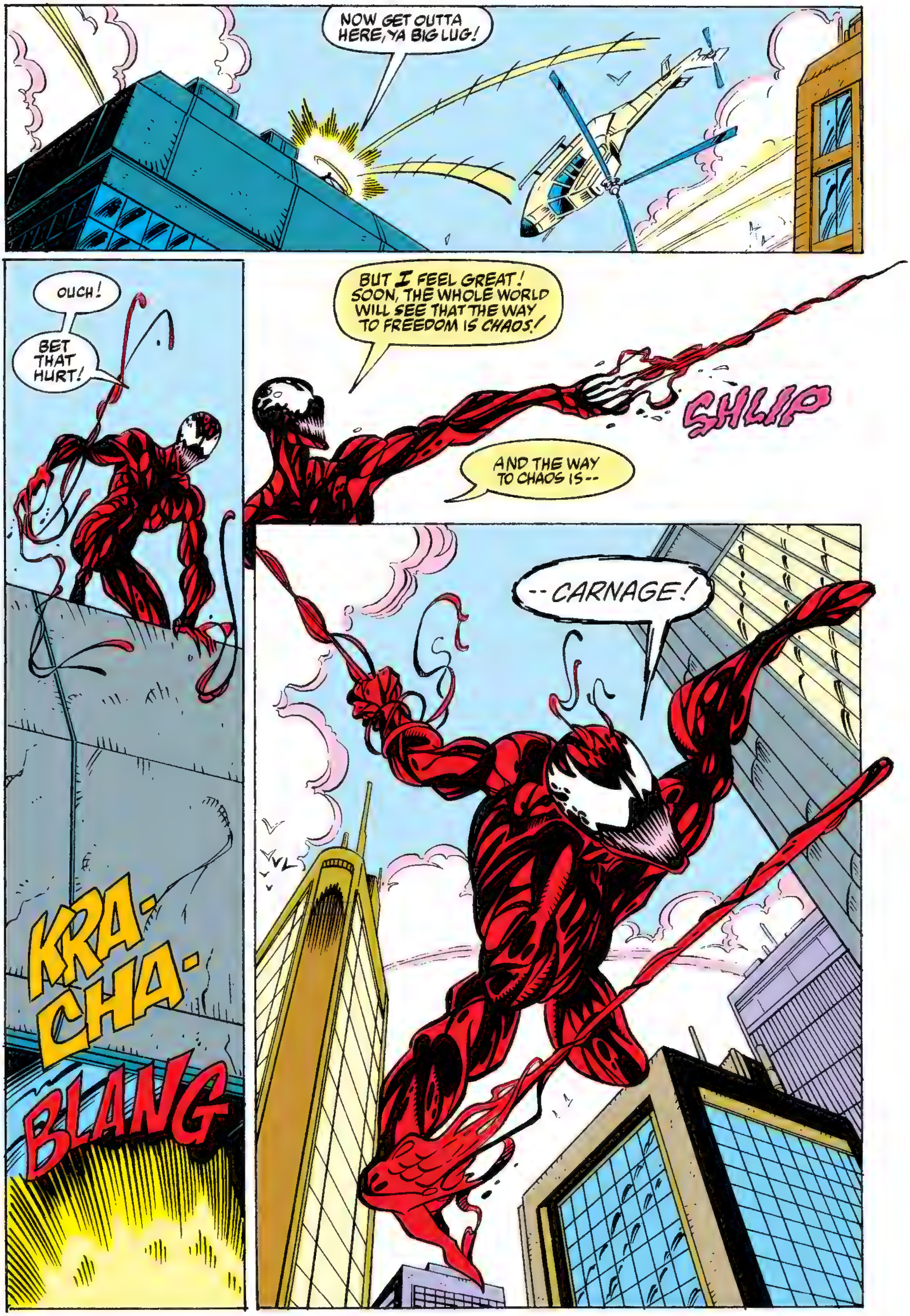

ooo OOO ooo!
THAT TINGLES!
Khhhhhhhh!
YOUR PLAYMATE IS A PESKY ONE, WEB-SLINGER! WE'RE GOING TO ENJOY PEELING HIS EYES!
JOHNNY'S OUT OF IT! HAVE TO LURE VENOM AWAY!
RUNNING?
GOOD!
COWARDS TASTE YUMMY!
SPENT TOO MUCH ENERGY! CAN'T FLAME ON!
H-HAVE TO HELP SPIDEY SOME OTHER WAY!
I HATE Deja vu!
HATE NIGHTMARES, TOO!
AND THIS IS BOTH!
ABANDONED MINING VILLAGE!
I FOUGHT VENOM HERE BEFORE!
BARELY ESCAPED WITH MY LIFE THEN! SO HOW DO I FIGHT HIM NOW?
HE DOESN'T TRIGGER MY DANGER-DETECTING SPIDER-SENSE! AND THE WAY HIS LIVING COSTUME CHANGES APPEARANCE, BLENDS IN--
--HE COULD JUST POP UP OUT OF NOWHERE!

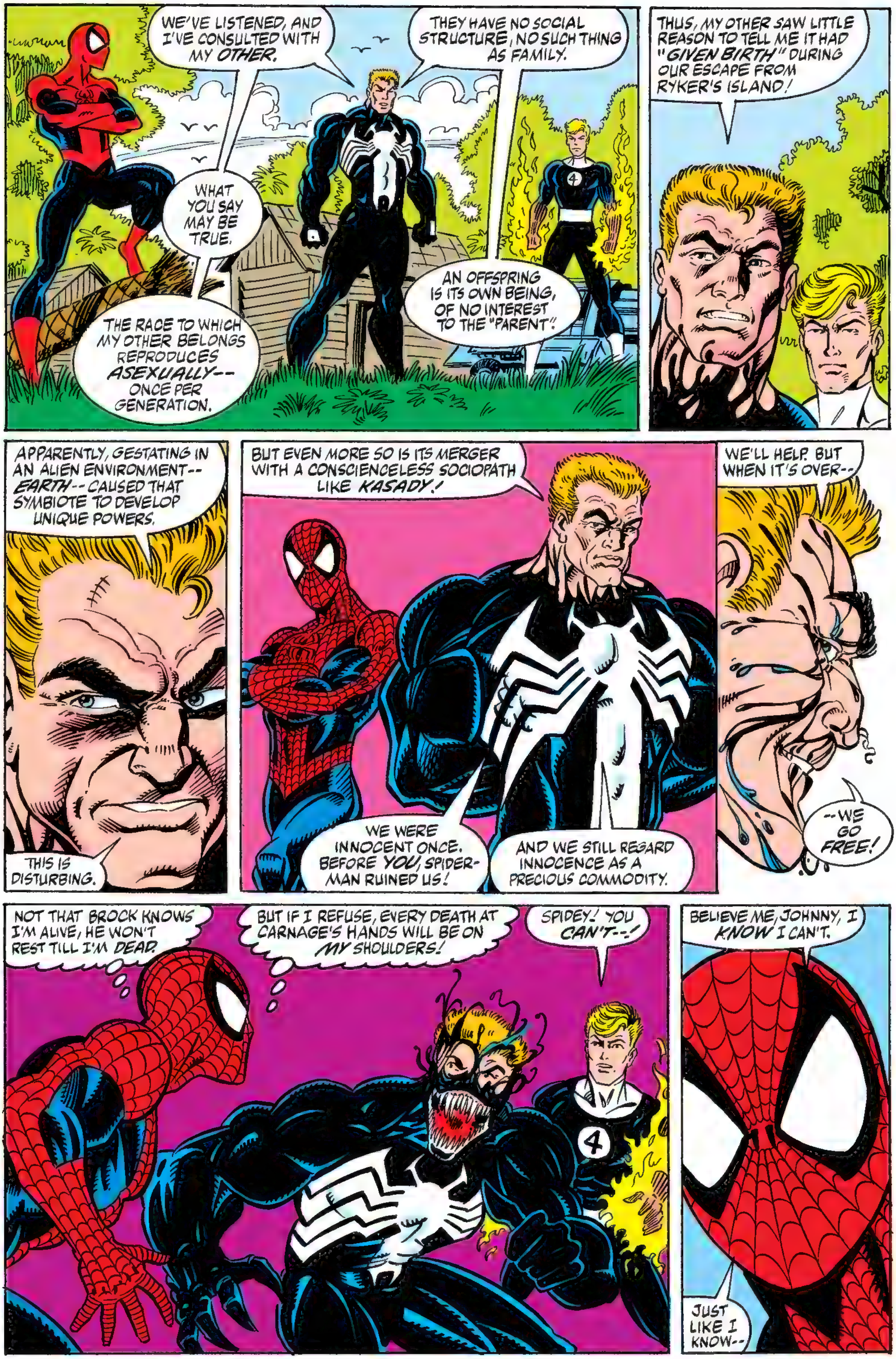

SHPAK
FRANCH
I WISH HE'D STOP *DOING* THAT...!
Eh? SPIDER-SENSE?! BUT VENOM--
--NO. NOT VENOM!
A VERY... *BIG*... BULLDOZER!
'BYE!
HYEEAAAGH!
SONIC BEAM! FROM THE *FANTASTICAR!*
I RESET THE SOUND SYSTEM TO MATCH REED'S GUN!
PERSONALLY, I PREFER *SPRINGSTEEN,* BUT...


HE'LL RECOVER IN SECONDS! HAVE TO MAKE THIS COUNT!
YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN, EDDIE! THERE'S ANOTHER SYMBIOTE LOOSE!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
ANOTHER ONE!
LIES.
NO! IT'S JOINED WITH YOUR OLD CELLMATE, CLETUS KASADY!
AND, TOGETHER, THEY'RE SLAUGHTERING DOZENS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE IN NEW YORK! TRY TO--
INNOCENTS?
DYING..?
TALK TO US.
INTERLUDE CONTINUED: MANHATTAN: ROBERT SUTCLIFF'S GLASS-AND-STEEL SANCTUARY.
AS IT IS RUDELY RUPTURED BY THE REMAINS OF HIS ELITE SECURITY TEAM!
WHAT THE DEVIL--?!


HI, ROB!
MIND IF I COME IN?
BUT I GUESS IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE RIGHT--
--YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT *YOURSELF!*
BDAM BDAM BDAM BDAM
THOSE MEN! THEY WERE THE BEST! HAND-PICKED!
HEE-HEE! MAN, I *LOVE* THOSE OLD CLICHÉS!
SAY, HOW 'BOUT *THIS* ONE:
BOO!
AW, C'MON! ENOUGH'S ENOUGH! I MEAN, A SECRET DOORWAY? A BULLETPROOF SHIELD? WHAT NEXT?
I GOTTA FIGHT YOUR *EVIL TWIN?*
WHOA! THIS STUFF'S TOUGH! PROB'LY BUILT TO STOP ANY WEAPON KNOWN TO MAN!
GEE, TOO BAD--
SLISSSH
--I AIN'T "*MAN*" ANY-MORE!


SKAKLEEESH
O'TOOLE! GET THAT CHOPPER UP FAST!
RIGHT AWAY, MR. SUTCLIFF! I'LL JUST RADIO FOR TAKE-OFF CLEARANCE, AND--
FLUSH CLEARANCE, YOU IDIOT! THERE'S A MONSTER ON MY BUTT!
FLY!
B-BUT, SIR! I'D LOSE MY LICENSE--!
OH, NO! H-HE'S HERE!
WHY? WH-WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
WH-WHAT HAVE I EVER DONE TO YOU?!?
GOOD QUESTION, ROBERTO!
SO HOW'S THIS FOR AN ANSWER:
NOTHIN'!


NOW GET OUTTA HERE, YA BIG LUG!
OUCH!
BET THAT HURT!
KRA-CHA-BLANG
BUT I FEEL GREAT! SOON, THE WHOLE WORLD WILL SEE THAT THE WAY TO FREEDOM IS CHAOS!
SHLIP
AND THE WAY TO CHAOS IS--
--CARNAGE!


WE'VE LISTENED, AND I'VE CONSULTED WITH MY *OTHER.*
THEY HAVE NO SOCIAL STRUCTURE, NO SUCH THING AS FAMILY.
WHAT YOU SAY MAY BE TRUE.
THE RACE TO WHICH MY OTHER BELONGS REPRODUCES *ASEXUALLY--* ONCE PER GENERATION.
AN OFFSPRING IS ITS OWN BEING, OF NO INTEREST TO THE "PARENT".
THUS, MY OTHER SAW LITTLE REASON TO TELL ME IT HAD "*GIVEN BIRTH*" DURING OUR ESCAPE FROM RYKER'S ISLAND!
APPARENTLY, GESTATING IN AN ALIEN ENVIRONMENT-- *EARTH*-- CAUSED THAT SYMBIOTE TO DEVELOP UNIQUE POWERS.
THIS IS DISTURBING.
BUT EVEN MORE SO IS ITS MERGER WITH A CONSCIENCELESS SOCIOPATH LIKE *KASADY!*
WE WERE INNOCENT ONCE. BEFORE *YOU,* SPIDER-MAN RUINED US!
AND WE STILL REGARD INNOCENCE AS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY.
WE'LL HELP. BUT WHEN IT'S OVER--
--WE GO *FREE!*
NOT THAT BROCK KNOWS I'M ALIVE, HE WON'T REST TILL I'M *DEAD.*
BUT IF I REFUSE, EVERY DEATH AT CARNAGE'S HANDS WILL BE ON *MY* SHOULDERS!
SPIDEY! YOU *CAN'T--!*
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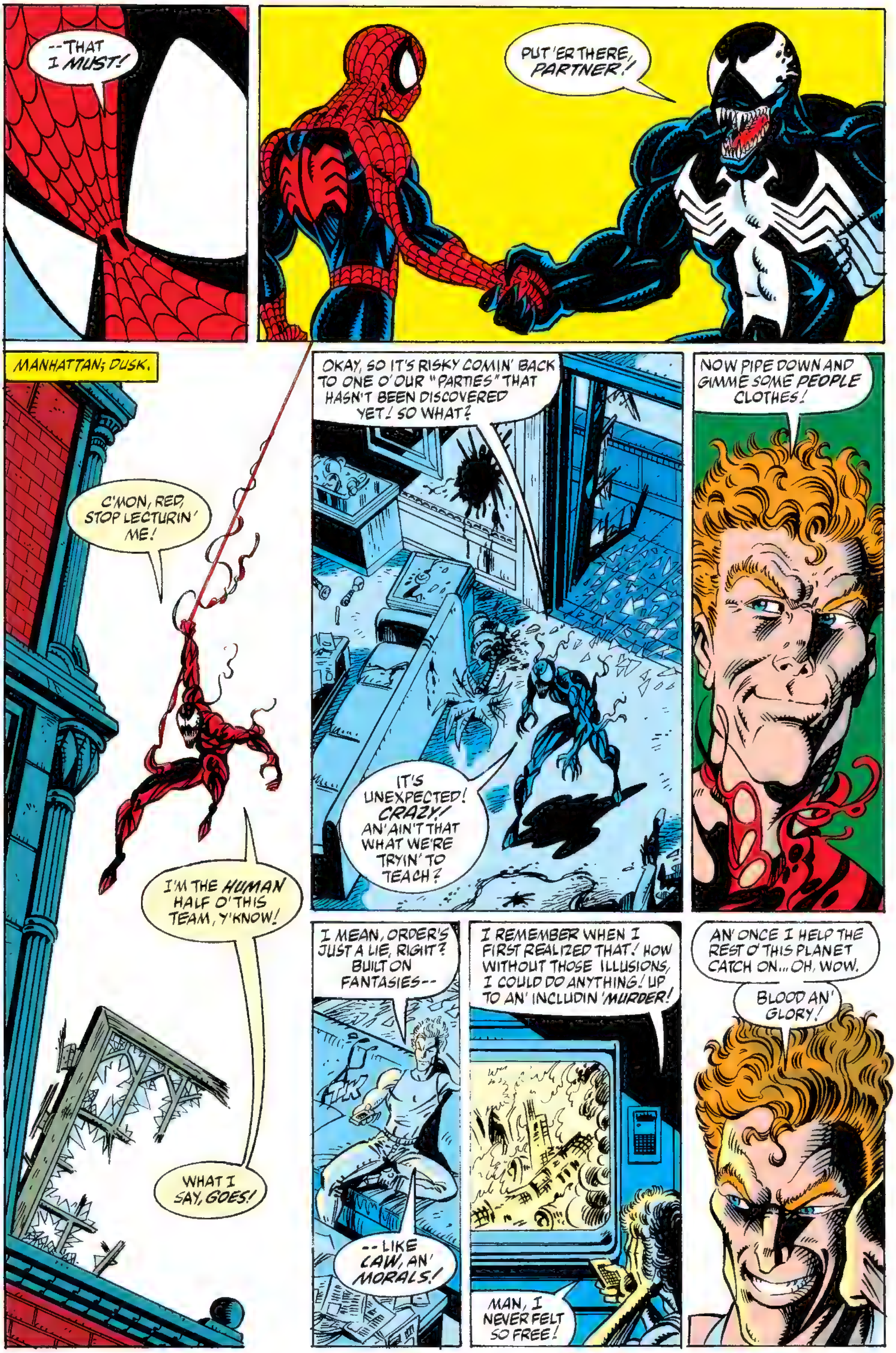
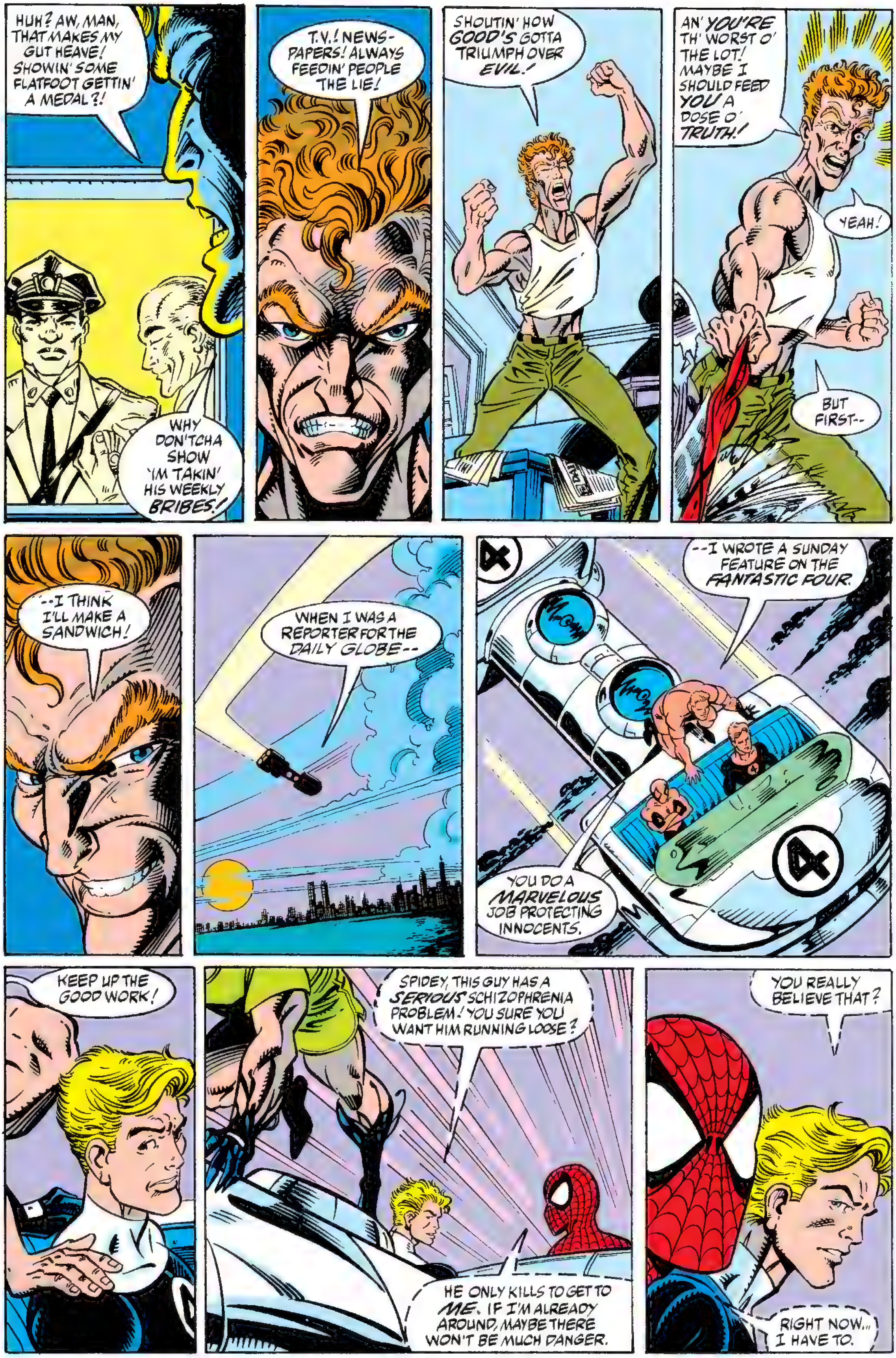
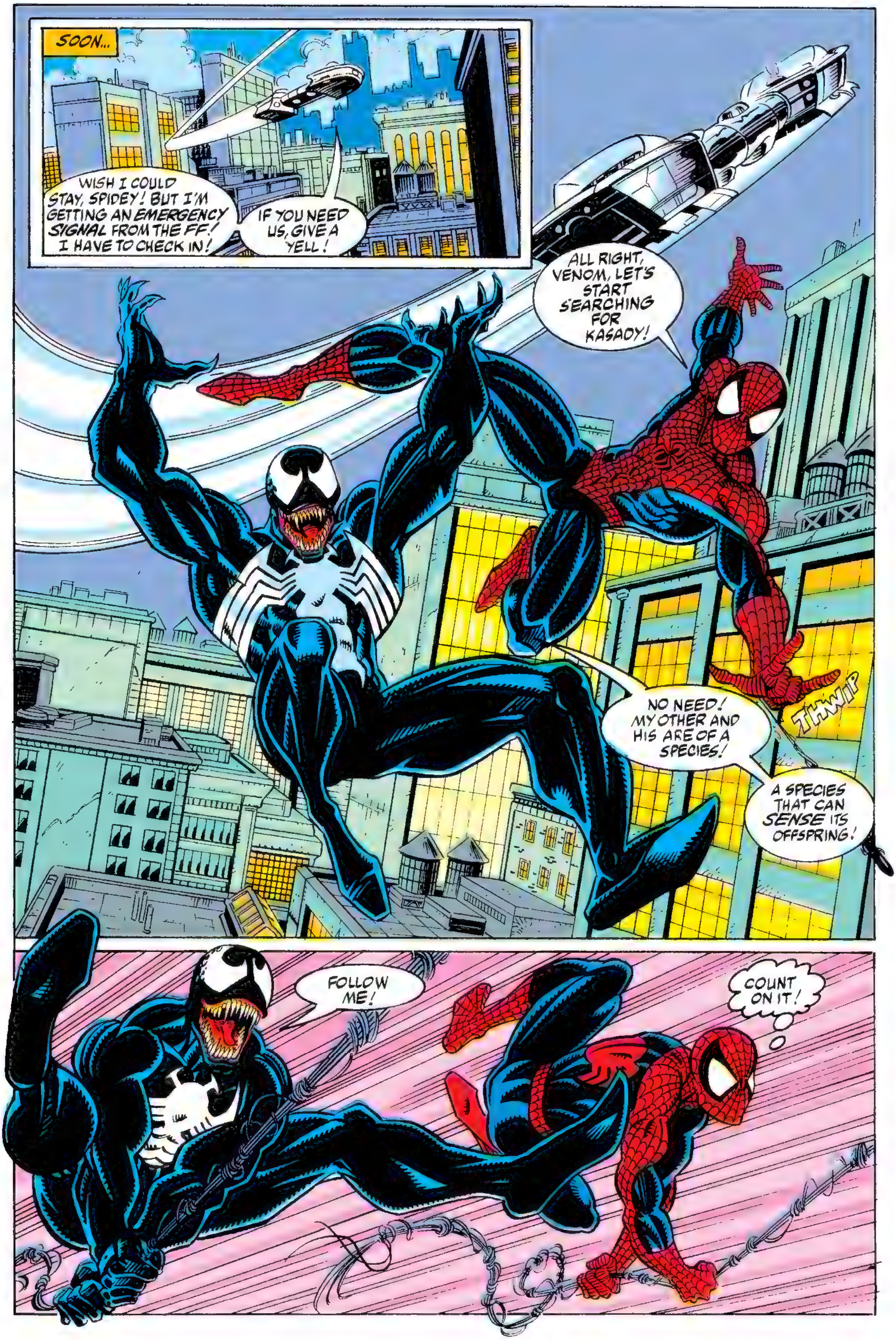
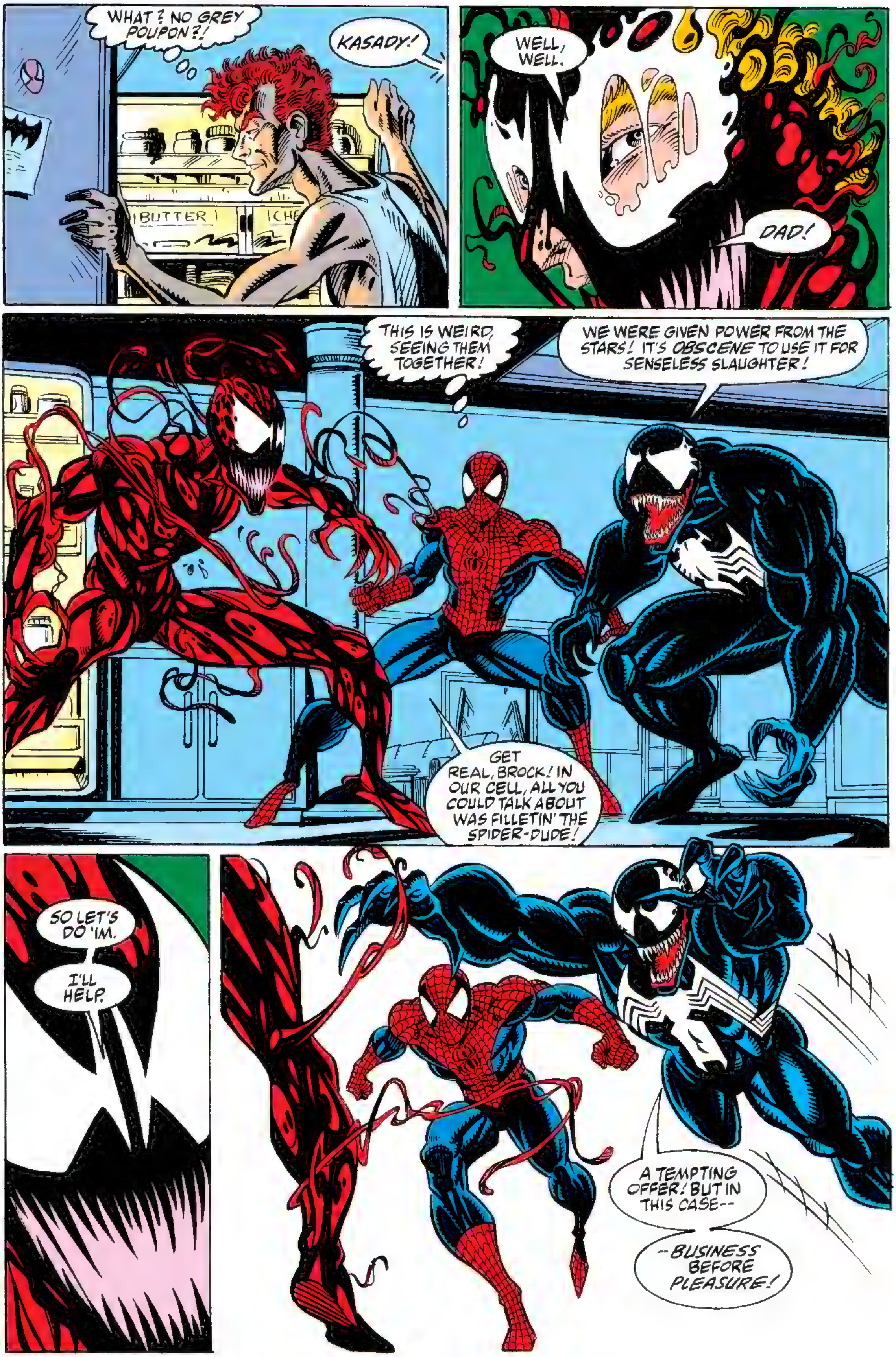
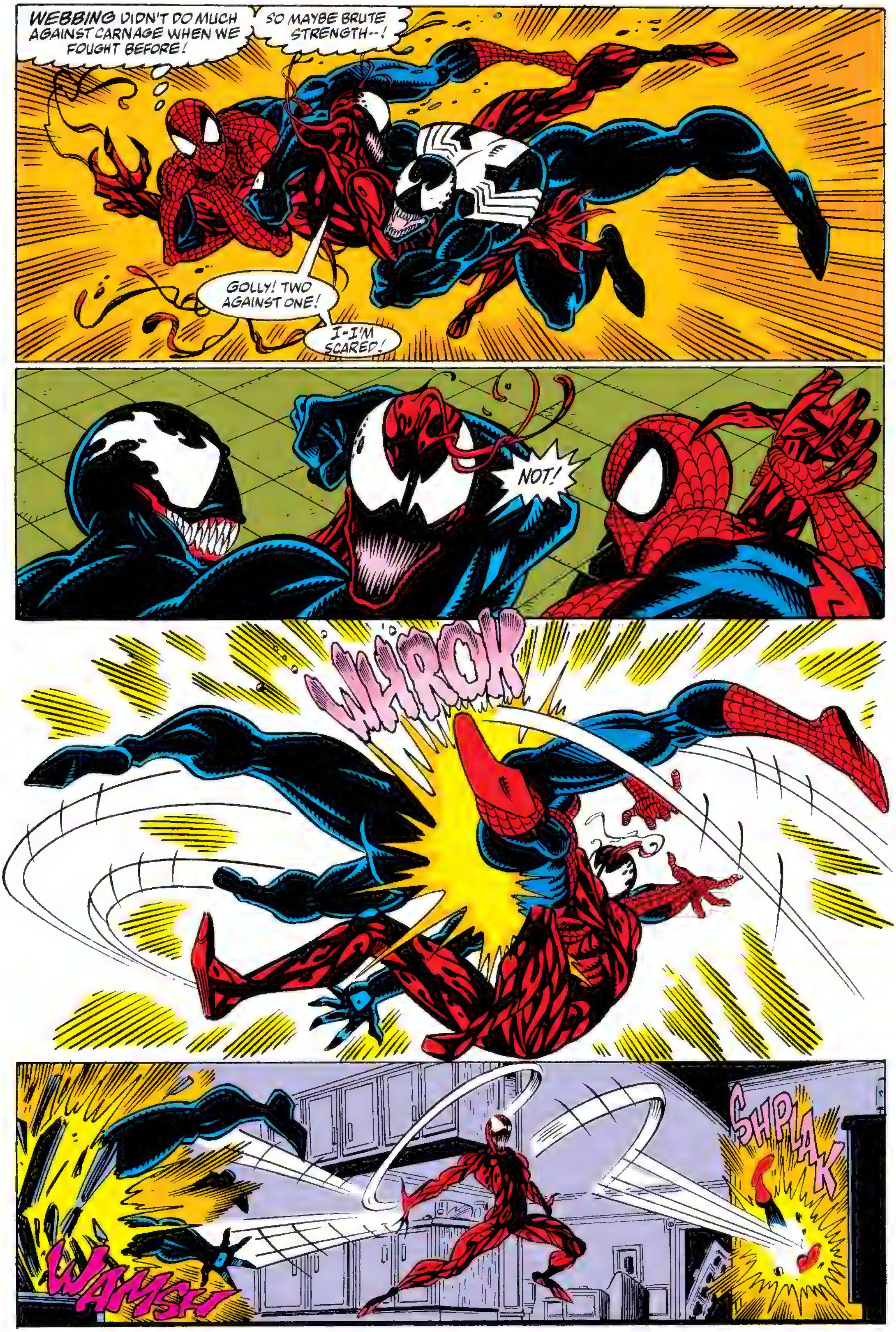
BELIEVE ME, JOHNNY, I *KNOW* I CAN'T.
JUST LIKE I KNOW--

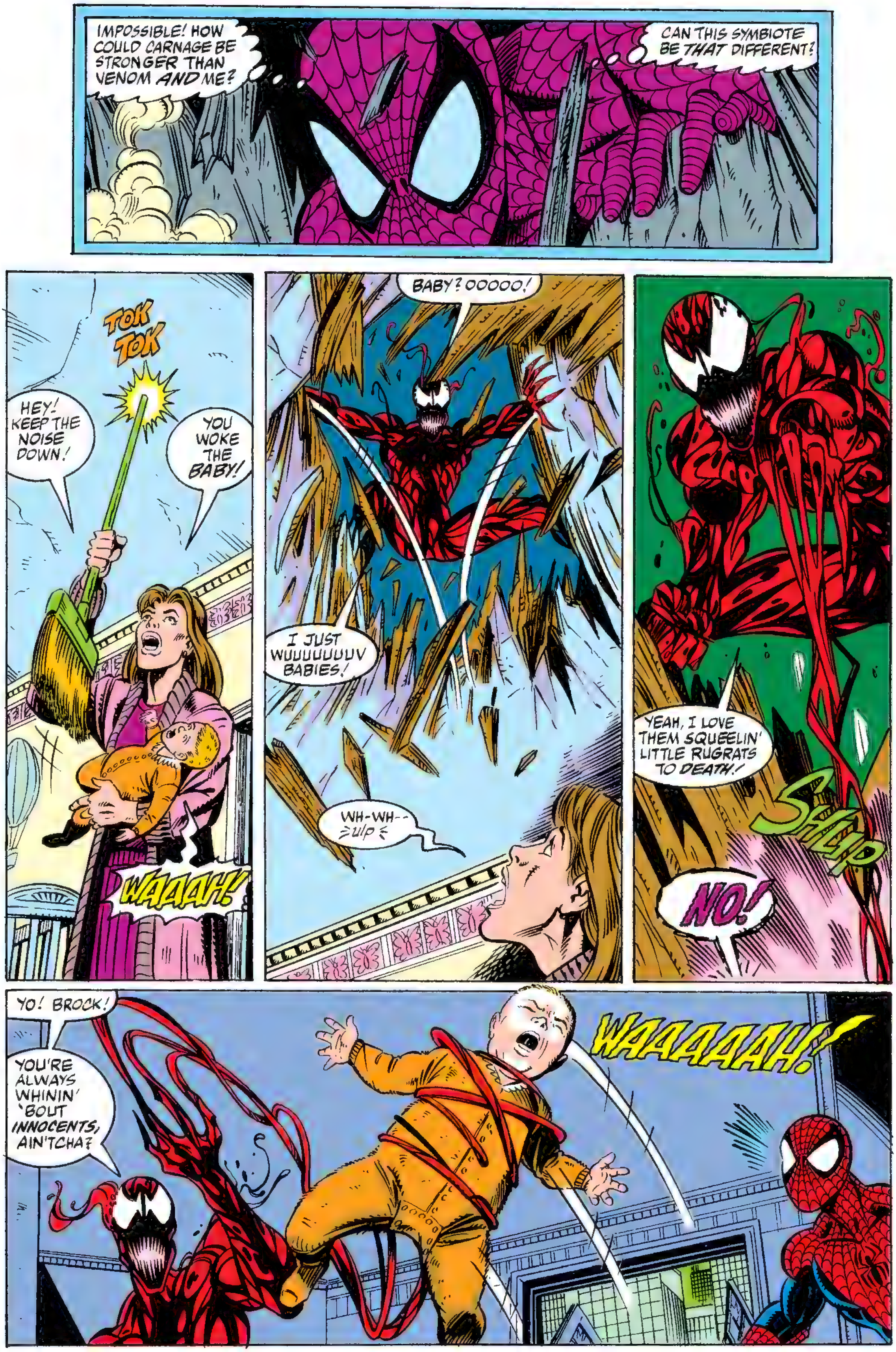

--THAT I *MUST!*
PUT 'ER THERE, *PARTNER!*
MANHATTAN; DUSK.
C'MON, RED, STOP LECTURIN' ME!
I'M THE *HUMAN* HALF O' THIS TEAM, Y'KNOW!
WHAT I SAY, *GOES!*
OKAY, SO IT'S RISKY COMIN' BACK TO ONE O' OUR "PARTIES" THAT HASN'T BEEN DISCOVERED YET! SO WHAT?
IT'S UNEXPECTED! *CRAZY!* AN' AIN'T THAT WHAT WE'RE TRYIN' TO TEACH?
NOW PIPE DOWN AND GIMME SOME *PEOPLE* CLOTHES!
I MEAN, ORDER'S JUST A LIE, RIGHT? BUILT ON FANTASIES--
--LIKE *LAW,* AN' *MORALS!*
I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST REALIZED THAT! HOW WITHOUT THOSE ILLUSIONS, I COULD DO ANYTHING! UP TO AN' INCLUDIN' *MURDER!*
MAN, I NEVER FELT SO FREE!
AN' ONCE I HELP THE REST O' THIS PLANET CATCH ON... OH, WOW.
BLOOD AN' GLORY!

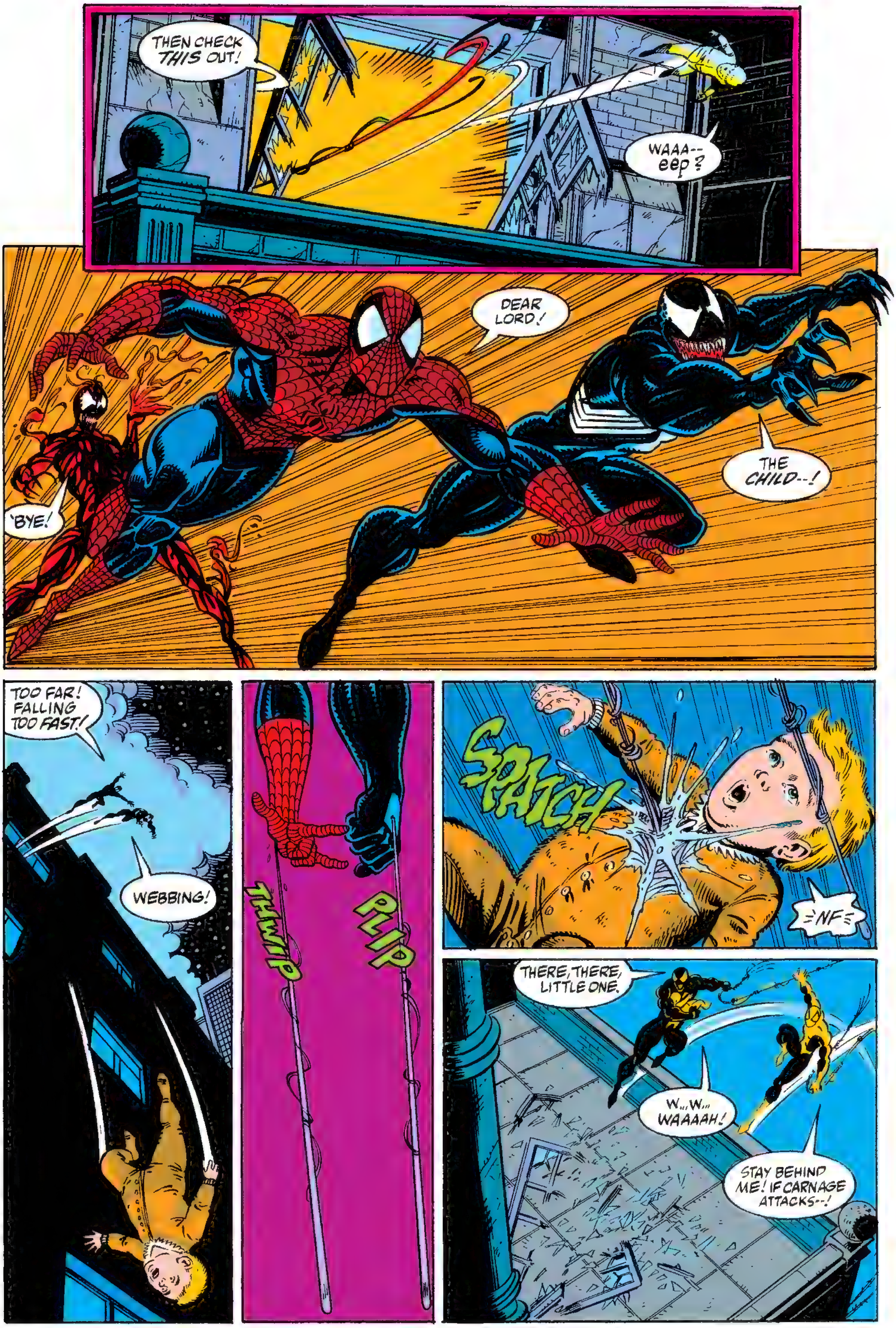

HUH? AW, MAN, THAT MAKES MY GUT HEAVE! SHOWIN' SOME FLATFOOT GETTIN' A MEDAL?!
WHY DON'TCHA SHOW 'IM TAKIN' HIS WEEKLY *BRIBES!*
T.V.! NEWSPAPERS! ALWAYS FEEDIN' PEOPLE THE LIE!
SHOUTIN' HOW *GOOD'S* GOTTA TRIUMPH OVER *EVIL!*
AN' *YOU'RE* TH' WORST O' THE LOT! MAYBE I SHOULD FEED *YOU* A DOSE O' *TRUTH!*
YEAH!
BUT FIRST--
--I THINK I'LL MAKE A SANDWICH!
WHEN I WAS A REPORTER FOR THE *DAILY GLOBE*--
--I WROTE A SUNDAY FEATURE ON THE *FANTASTIC FOUR.*
YOU DO A *MARVELOUS* JOB PROTECTING INNOCENTS.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
SPIDEY, THIS GUY HAS A *SERIOUS* SCHIZOPHRENIA PROBLEM! YOU SURE YOU WANT HIM RUNNING LOOSE?
HE ONLY KILLS TO GET TO *ME.* IF I'M ALREADY AROUND, MAYBE THERE WON'T BE MUCH DANGER.
YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?
RIGHT NOW... I HAVE TO.

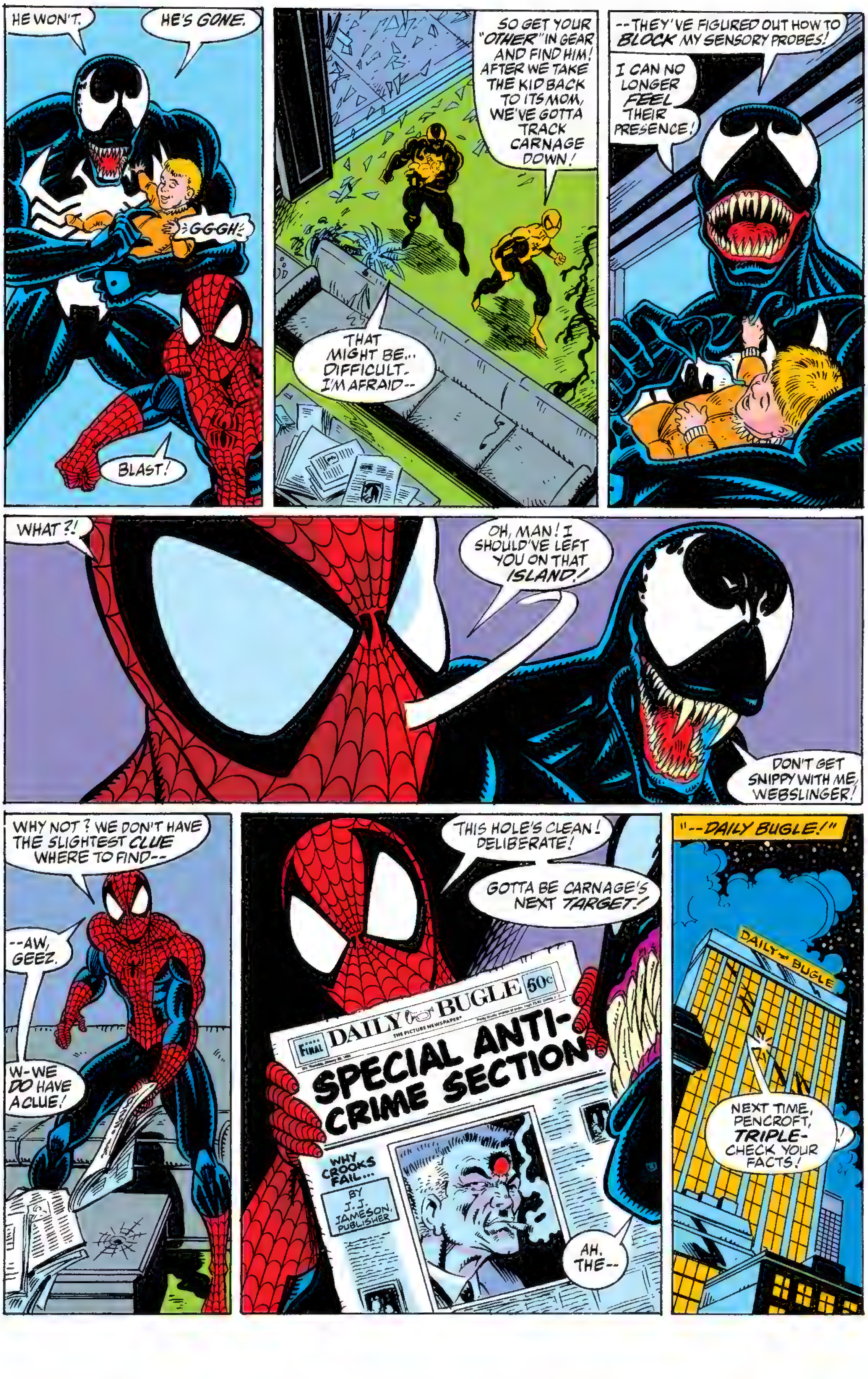

SOON...
WISH I COULD STAY, SPIDEY! BUT I'M GETTING AN *EMERGENCY SIGNAL* FROM THE FF! I HAVE TO CHECK IN!
IF YOU NEED US, GIVE A YELL!
ALL RIGHT, VENOM, LET'S START SEARCHING FOR KASADY!
THWIP
NO NEED! MY OTHER AND HIS ARE OF A SPECIES!
A SPECIES THAT CAN *SENSE* ITS OFFSPRING!
FOLLOW ME!
COUNT ON IT!


WHAT? NO GREY POUPON?!
KASADY!
BUTTER
CHE
WELL, WELL.
DAD!
THIS IS WEIRD, SEEING THEM TOGETHER!
WE WERE GIVEN POWER FROM THE STARS! IT'S *OBSCENE* TO USE IT FOR SENSELESS SLAUGHTER!
GET REAL, BROCK! IN OUR CELL, ALL YOU COULD TALK ABOUT WAS FILLETIN' THE SPIDER-DUDE!
SO LET'S DO 'IM.
I'LL HELP.
A TEMPTING OFFER! BUT IN THIS CASE--
--*BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE!*


WEBBING DIDN'T DO MUCH AGAINST CARNAGE WHEN WE FOUGHT BEFORE!
SO MAYBE BRUTE STRENGTH--!
GOLLY! TWO AGAINST ONE!
I-I'M SCARED!
NOT!
WHROK
SHPLAK
WAMSH!


IMPOSSIBLE! HOW COULD CARNAGE BE STRONGER THAN VENOM AND ME?
CAN THIS SYMBIOTE BE THAT DIFFERENT?
TOK TOK
HEY! KEEP THE NOISE DOWN!
YOU WOKE THE BABY!
WAAAH!
BABY? OOOOO!
I JUST WUUUUUUUUV BABIES!
WH-WH-- >ulp<
YEAH, I LOVE THEM SQUEELIN' LITTLE RUGRATS TO DEATH!
SHLIP
NO!
YO! BROCK!
YOU'RE ALWAYS WHININ' 'BOUT INNOCENTS, AIN'TCHA?
WAAAAAAH!


THEN CHECK THIS OUT!
WAAA-- eep?
DEAR LORD!
THE CHILD--!
'BYE!
TOO FAR! FALLING TOO FAST!
WEBBING!
THWIP
PLIP
SPATCH
NF
THERE, THERE, LITTLE ONE.
W...W... WAAAAH!
STAY BEHIND ME! IF CARNAGE ATTACKS--!


HE WON'T.
HE'S GONE.
GGGH!
BLAST!
SO GET YOUR "OTHER" IN GEAR AND FIND HIM! AFTER WE TAKE THE KID BACK TO ITS MOM, WE'VE GOTTA TRACK CARNAGE DOWN!
THAT MIGHT BE... DIFFICULT. I'M AFRAID--
--THEY'VE FIGURED OUT HOW TO BLOCK MY SENSORY PROBES!
I CAN NO LONGER FEEL THEIR PRESENCE!
WHAT?!
OH, MAN! I SHOULD'VE LEFT YOU ON THAT ISLAND!
DON'T GET SNIPPY WITH ME, WEBSLINGER!
WHY NOT? WE DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CLUE WHERE TO FIND--
--AW, GEEZ.
W-WE DO HAVE A CLUE!
THIS HOLE'S CLEAN! DELIBERATE!
GOTTA BE CARNAGE'S NEXT TARGET!
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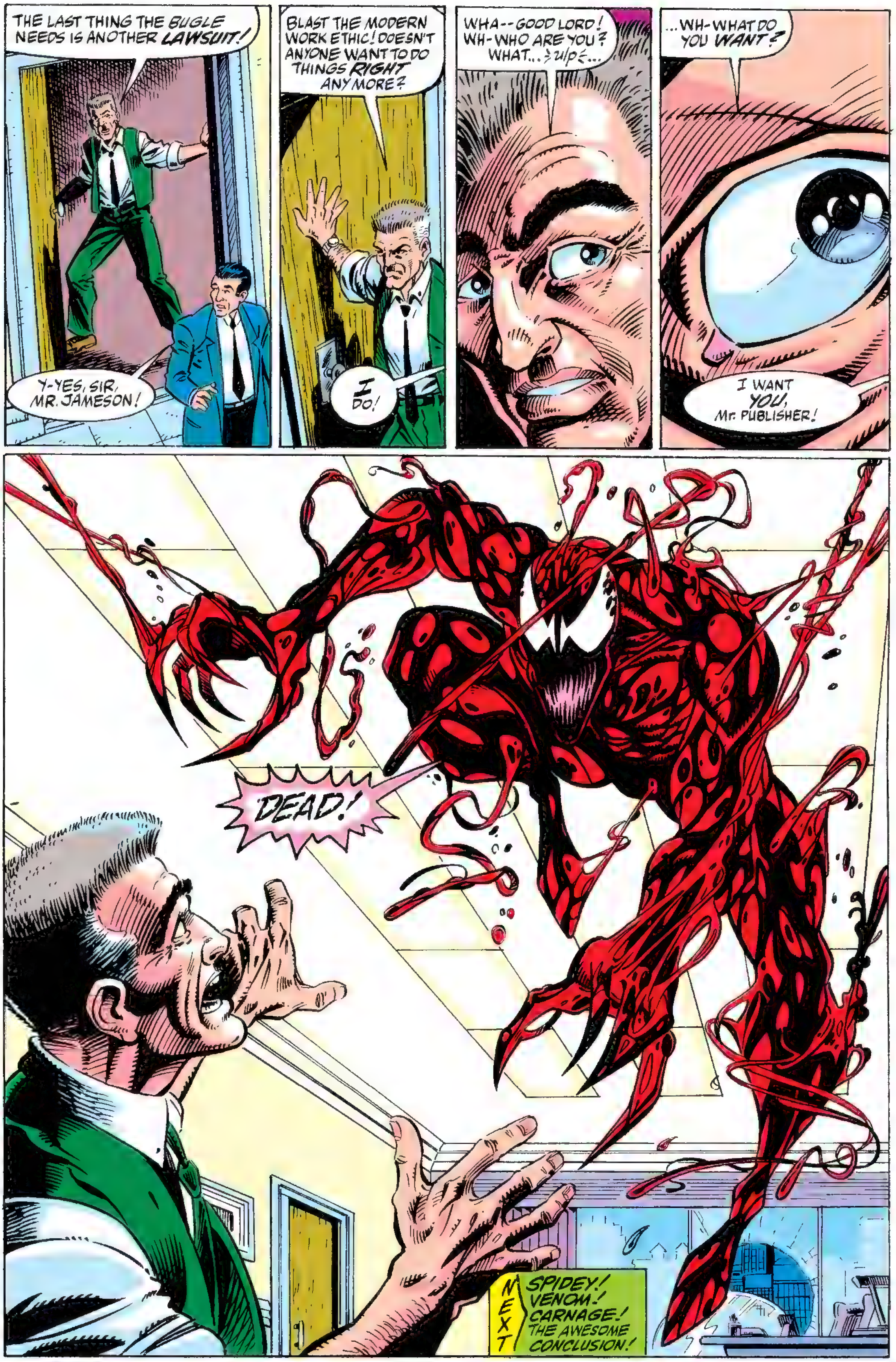
NEXT TIME, PENCROFT, TRIPLE-CHECK YOUR FACTS!


THE LAST THING THE *BUGLE* NEEDS IS ANOTHER ***LAWSUIT!***
Y-YES, SIR, MR. JAMESON!
BLAST THE MODERN WORK ETHIC! DOESN'T ANYONE WANT TO DO THINGS ***RIGHT*** ANYMORE?
I DO!
WHA--GOOD LORD! WH-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT... *ulp*...
...WH-WHAT DO YOU ***WANT?***
I WANT ***YOU,*** Mr. PUBLISHER!
DEAD!
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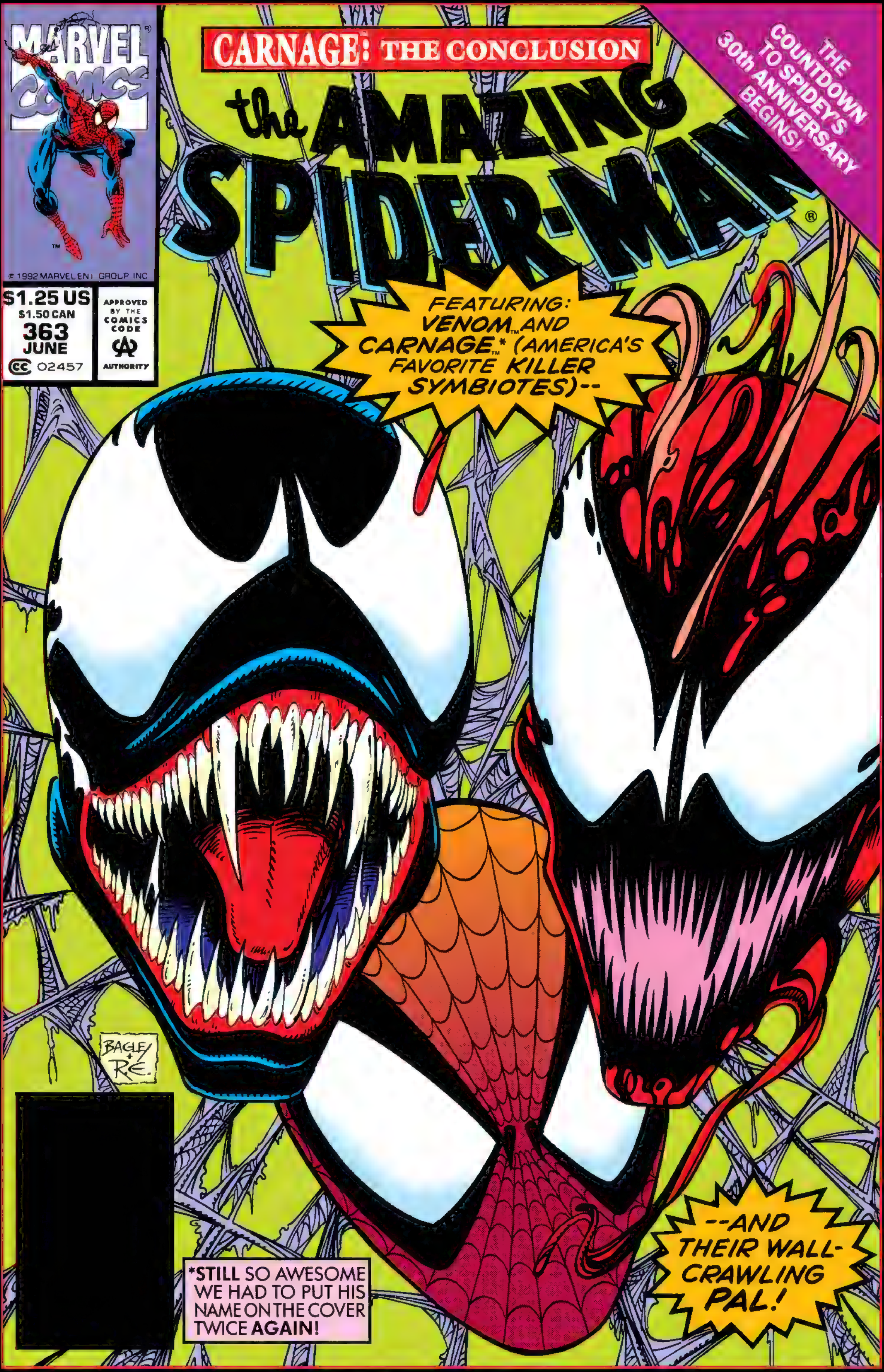
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*STILL SO AWESOME WE HAD TO PUT HIS NAME ON THE COVER TWICE AGAIN!
--AND THEIR WALL-CRAWLING PAL!

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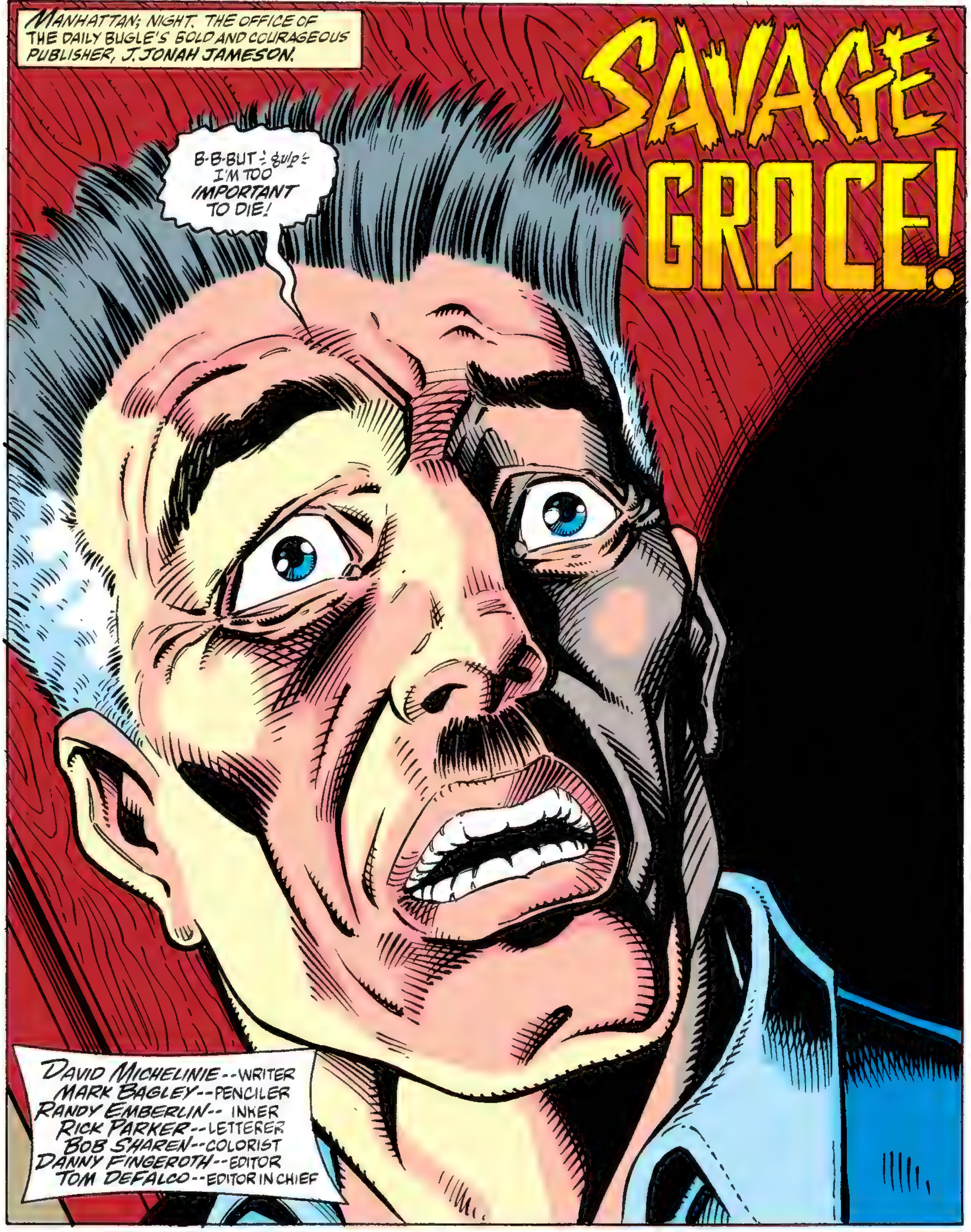
MANHATTAN; NIGHT. THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY BUGLE'S BOLD AND COURAGEOUS PUBLISHER, J. JONAH JAMESON.
B-B-BUT -gulp- I'M TOO *IMPORTANT* TO DIE!

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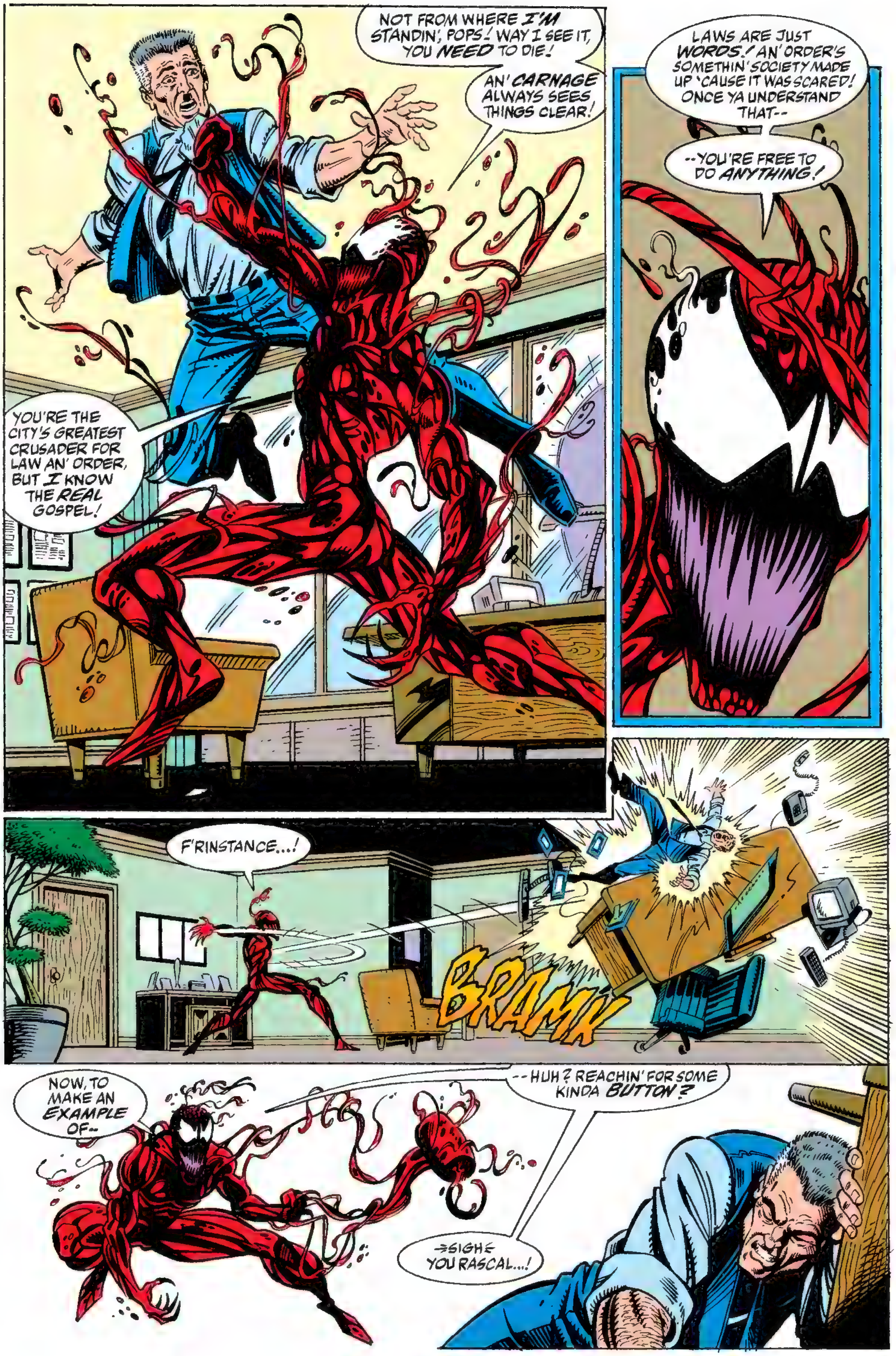
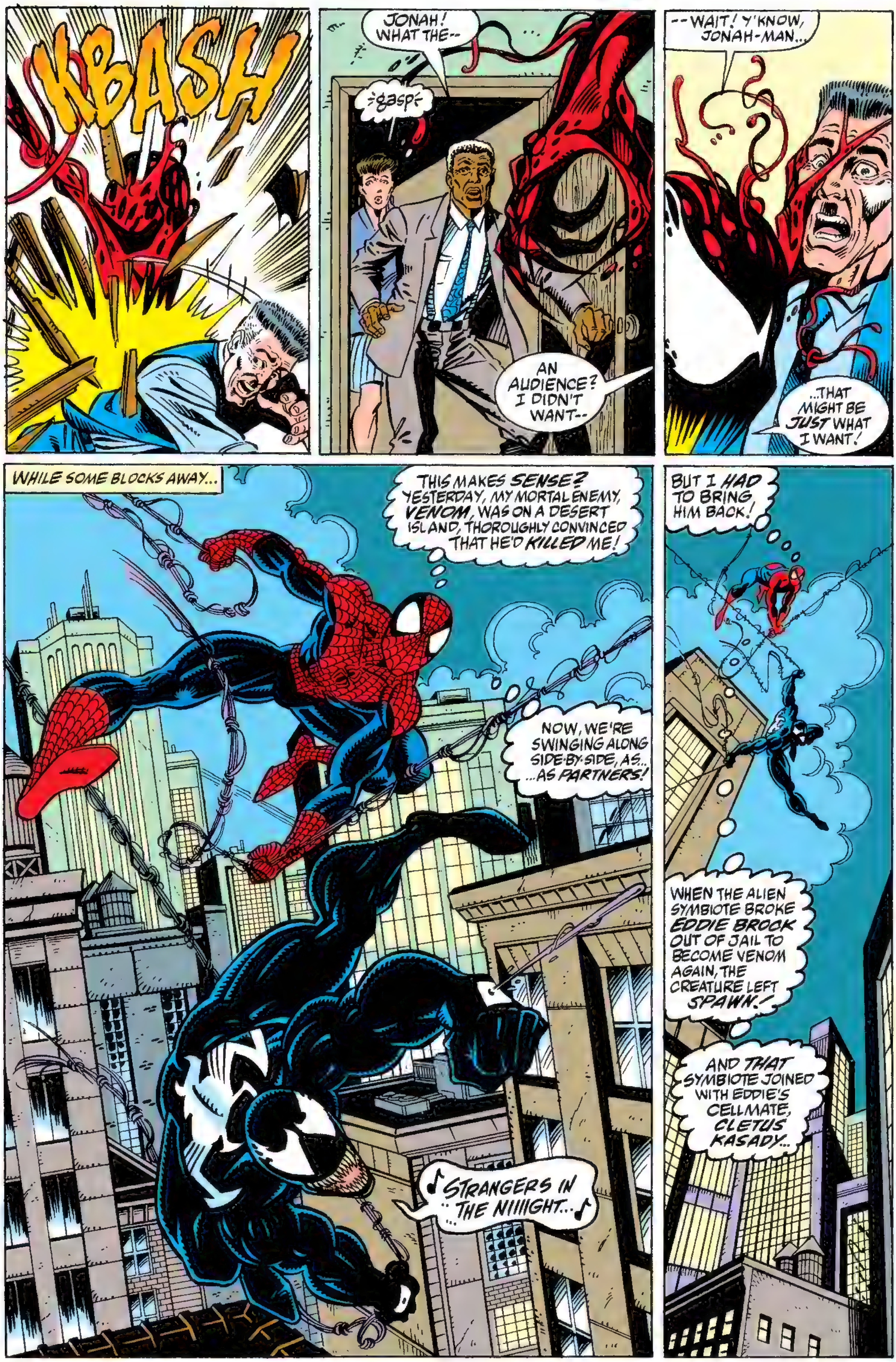
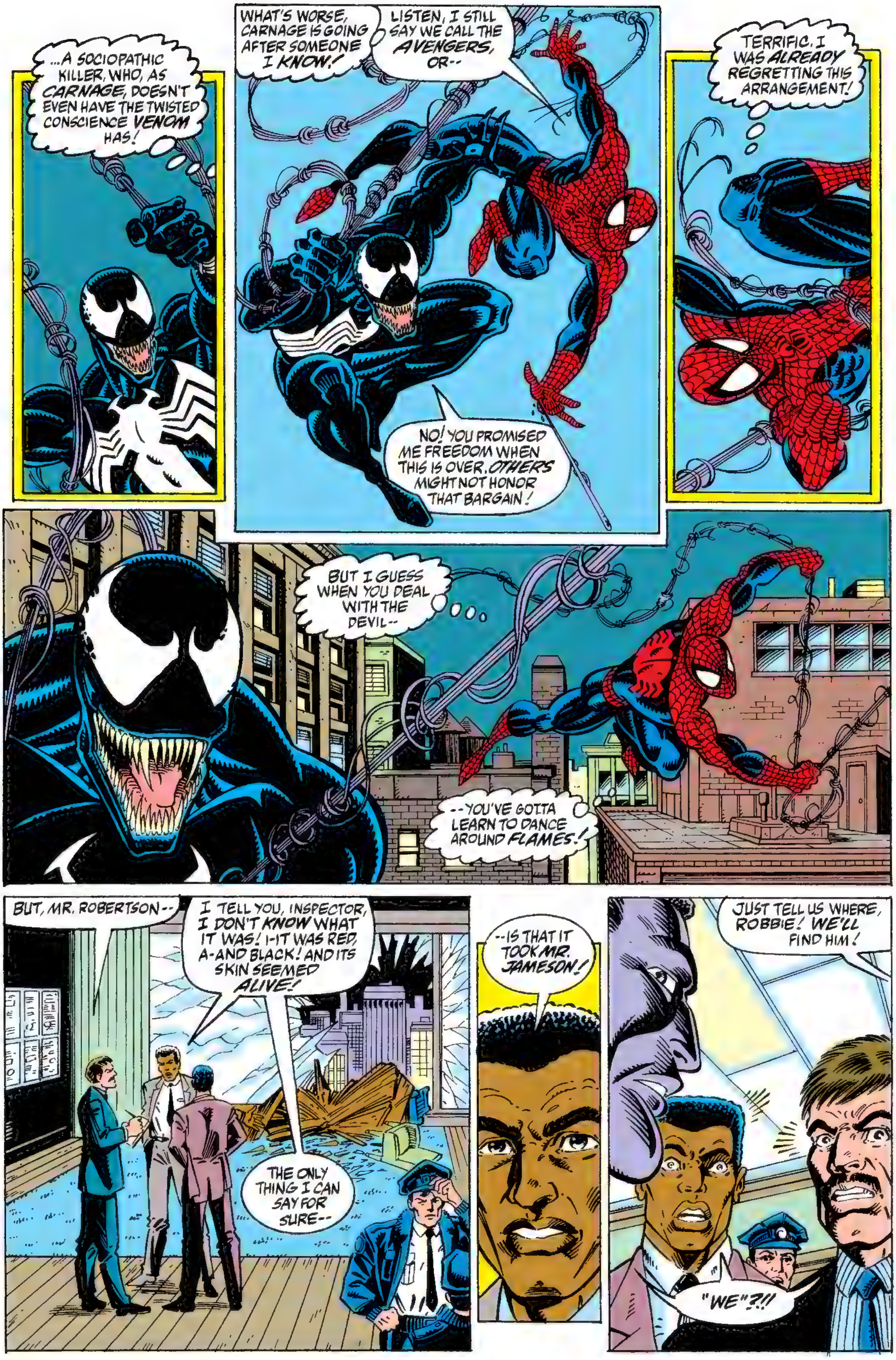
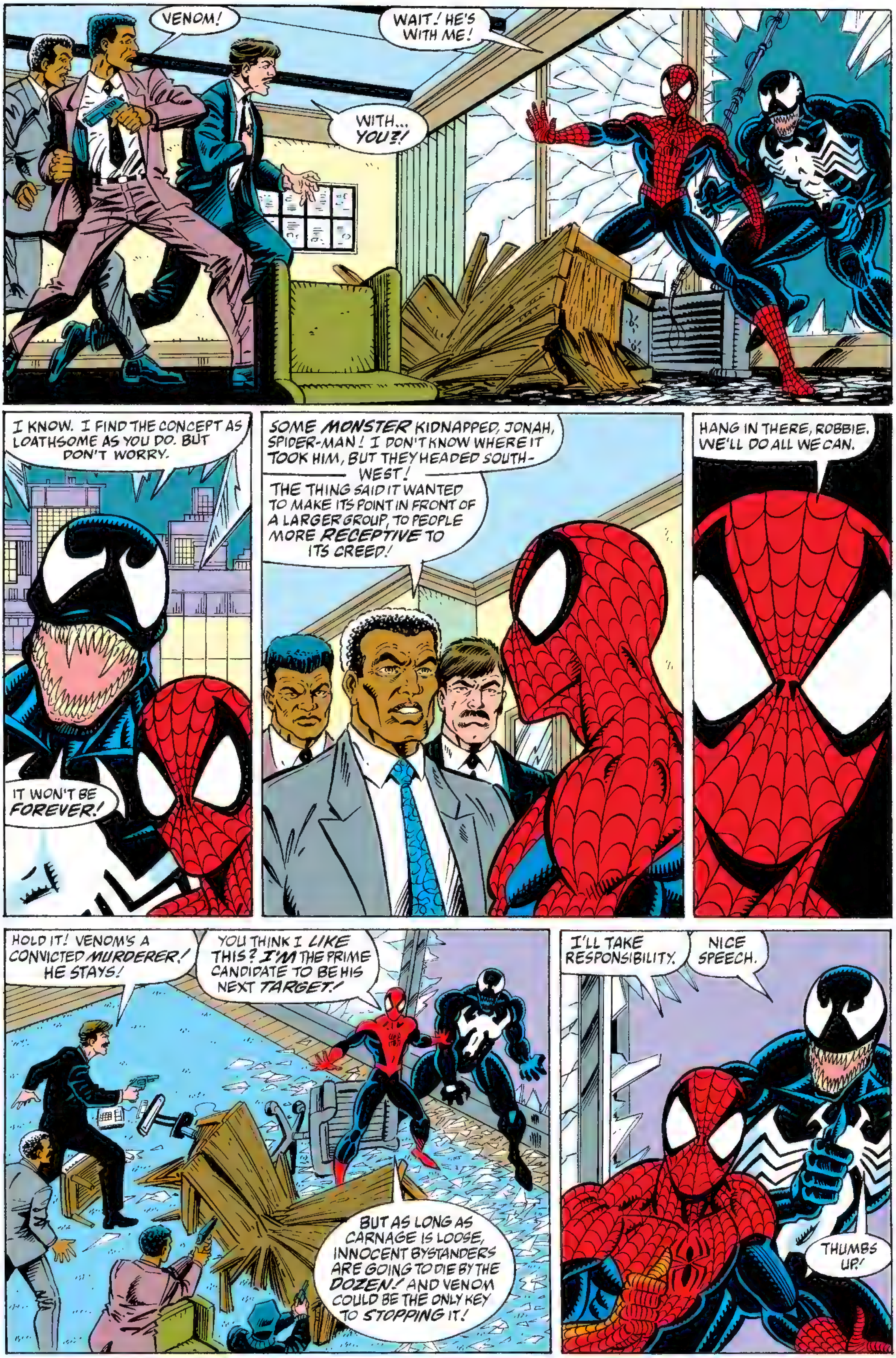
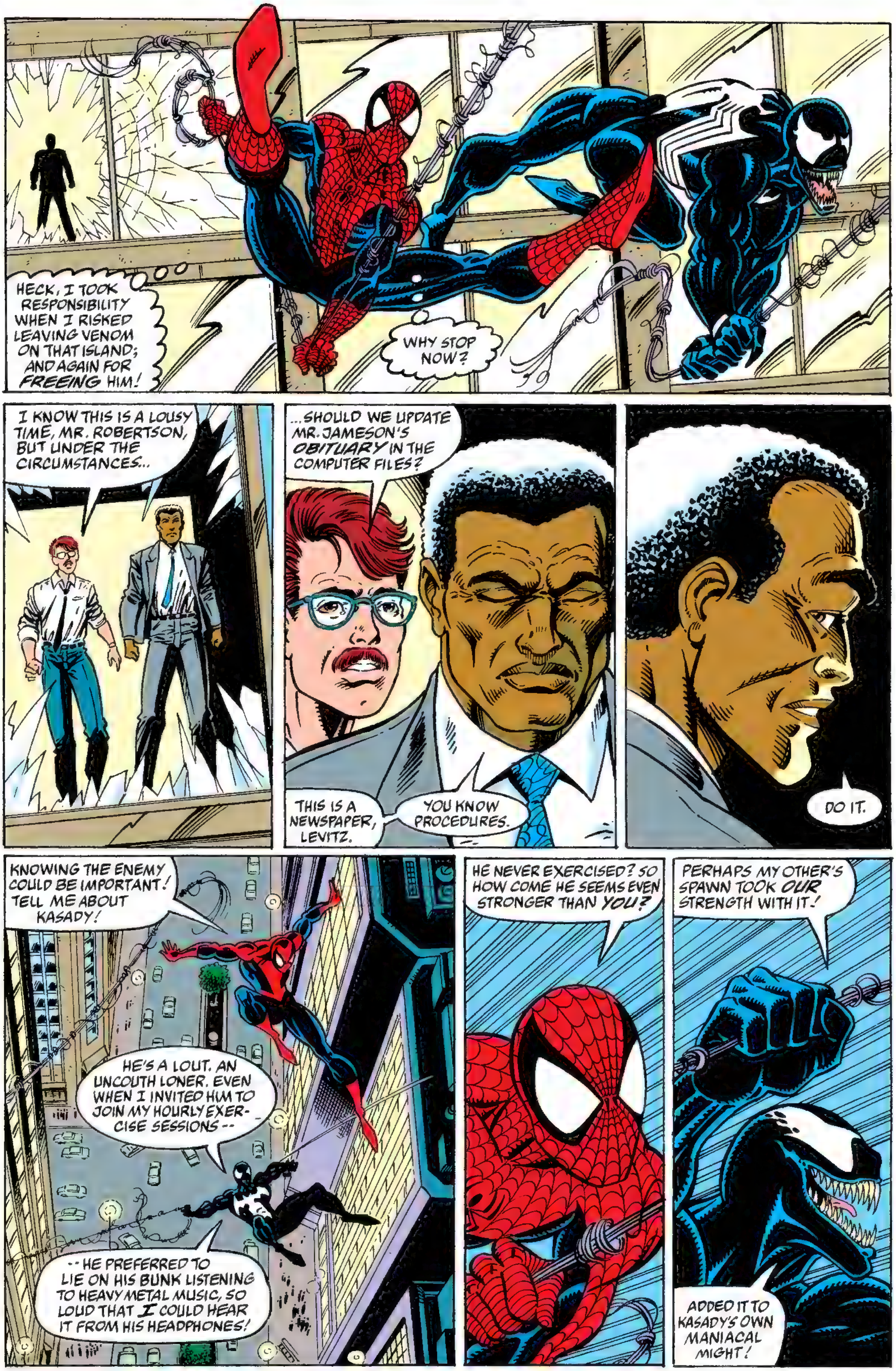
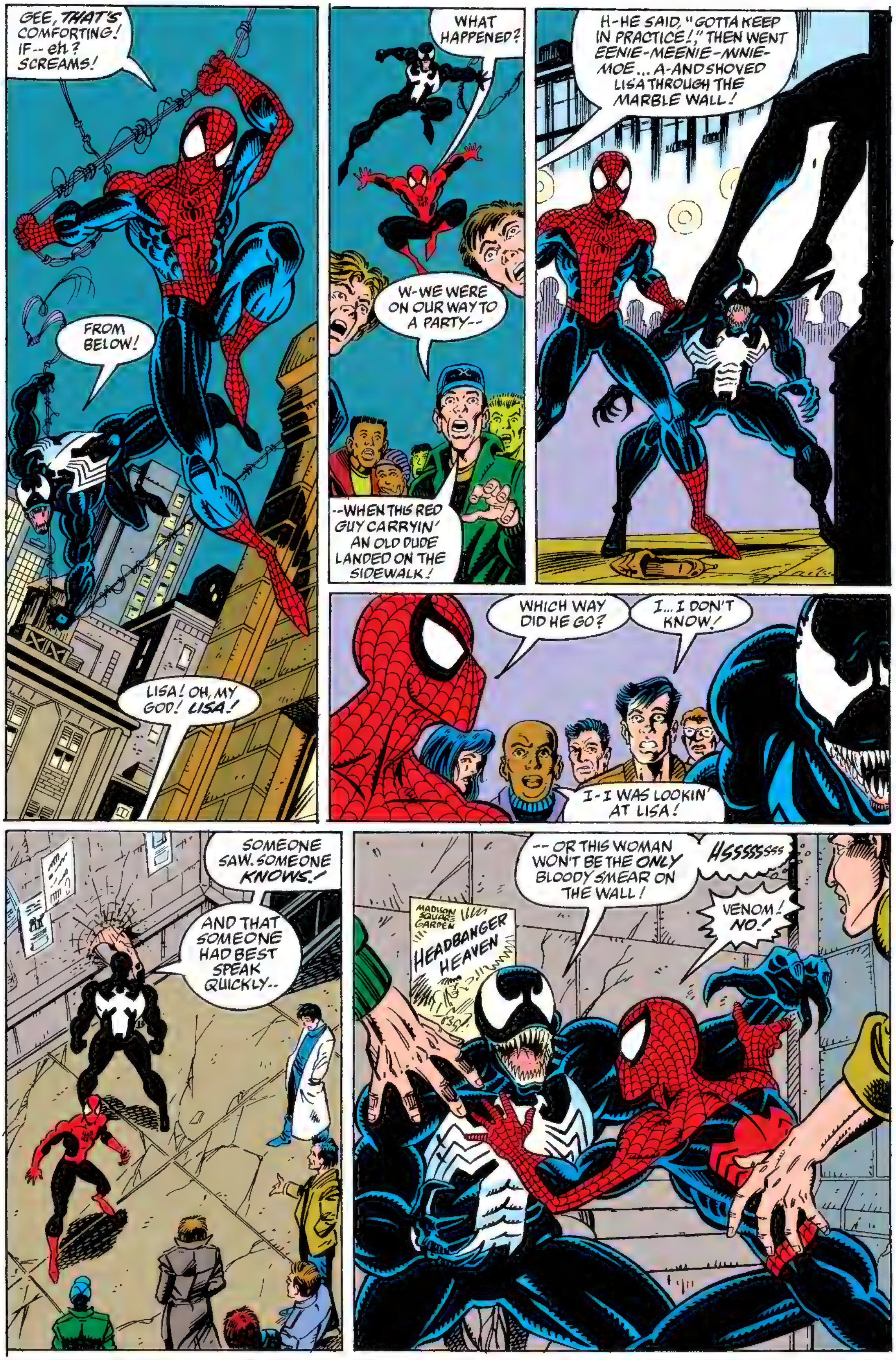

NOT FROM WHERE I'M STANDIN', POPS! WAY I SEE IT, YOU NEED TO DIE!
AN' CARNAGE ALWAYS SEES THINGS CLEAR!
YOU'RE THE CITY'S GREATEST CRUSADER FOR LAW AN' ORDER, BUT I KNOW THE REAL GOSPEL!
LAWS ARE JUST WORDS! AN' ORDER'S SOMETHIN' SOCIETY MADE UP 'CAUSE IT WAS SCARED! ONCE YA UNDERSTAND THAT--
--YOU'RE FREE TO DO ANYTHING!
F'RINSTANCE...!
BRAMK
NOW, TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF--
--HUH? REACHIN' FOR SOME KINDA BUTTON?
≥SIGH≤ YOU RASCAL...!

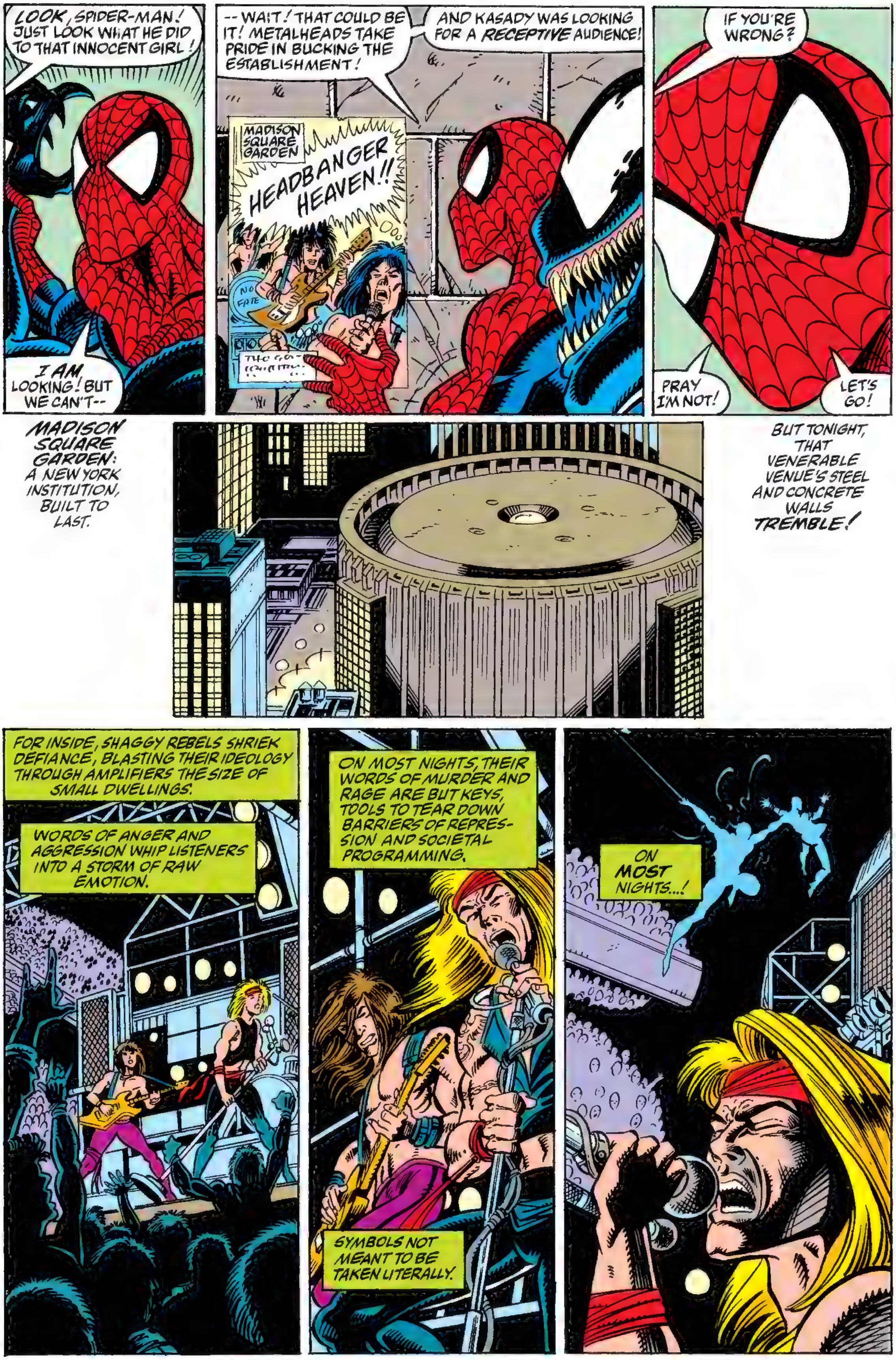

KBASH
JONAH! WHAT THE--
-gasp-
AN AUDIENCE? I DIDN'T WANT--
--WAIT! Y'KNOW, JONAH-MAN...
...THAT MIGHT BE JUST WHAT I WANT!
WHILE SOME BLOCKS AWAY...
THIS MAKES SENSE? YESTERDAY, MY MORTAL ENEMY, VENOM, WAS ON A DESERT ISLAND, THOROUGHLY CONVINCED THAT HE'D KILLED ME!
NOW, WE'RE SWINGING ALONG SIDE-BY-SIDE, AS... ...AS PARTNERS!
♪ STRANGERS IN THE NIIIIGHT... ♪
BUT I HAD TO BRING HIM BACK!
WHEN THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE BROKE EDDIE BROCK OUT OF JAIL TO BECOME VENOM AGAIN, THE CREATURE LEFT SPAWN!
AND THAT SYMBIOTE JOINED WITH EDDIE'S CELLMATE, CLETUS KASADY...

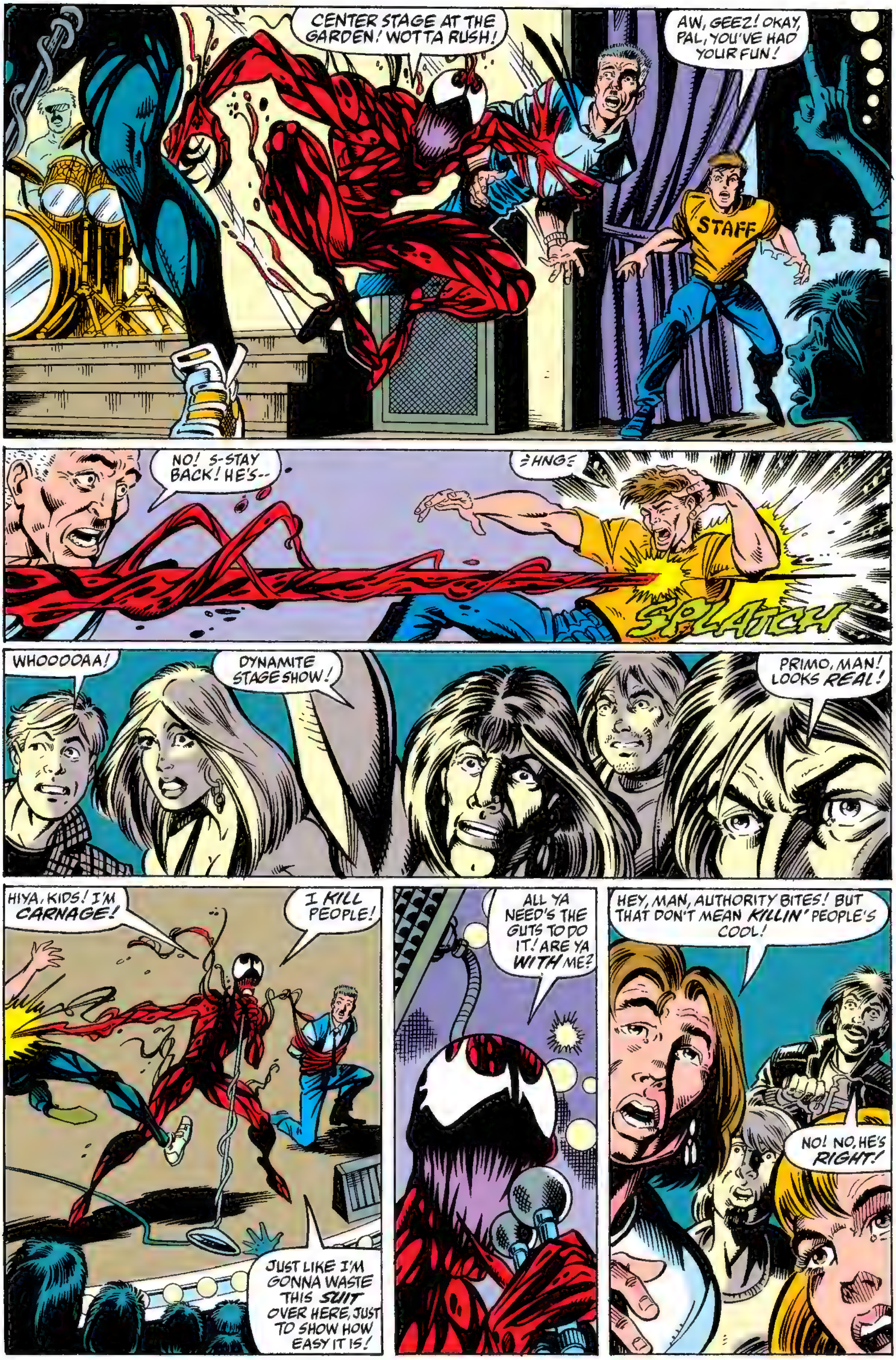

...A SOCIOPATHIC KILLER, WHO, AS CARNAGE, DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THE TWISTED CONSCIENCE VENOM HAS!
WHAT'S WORSE, CARNAGE IS GOING AFTER SOMEONE I KNOW!
LISTEN, I STILL SAY WE CALL THE AVENGERS, OR--
NO! YOU PROMISED ME FREEDOM WHEN THIS IS OVER. OTHERS MIGHT NOT HONOR THAT BARGAIN!
TERRIFIC. I WAS ALREADY REGRETTING THIS ARRANGEMENT!
BUT I GUESS WHEN YOU DEAL WITH THE DEVIL--
--YOU'VE GOTTA LEARN TO DANCE AROUND FLAMES!
BUT, MR. ROBERTSON--
I TELL YOU, INSPECTOR, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS! I-IT WAS RED, A-AND BLACK! AND ITS SKIN SEEMED ALIVE!
THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY FOR SURE--
--IS THAT IT TOOK MR. JAMESON!
JUST TELL US WHERE, ROBBIE! WE'LL FIND HIM!
"WE"?!!

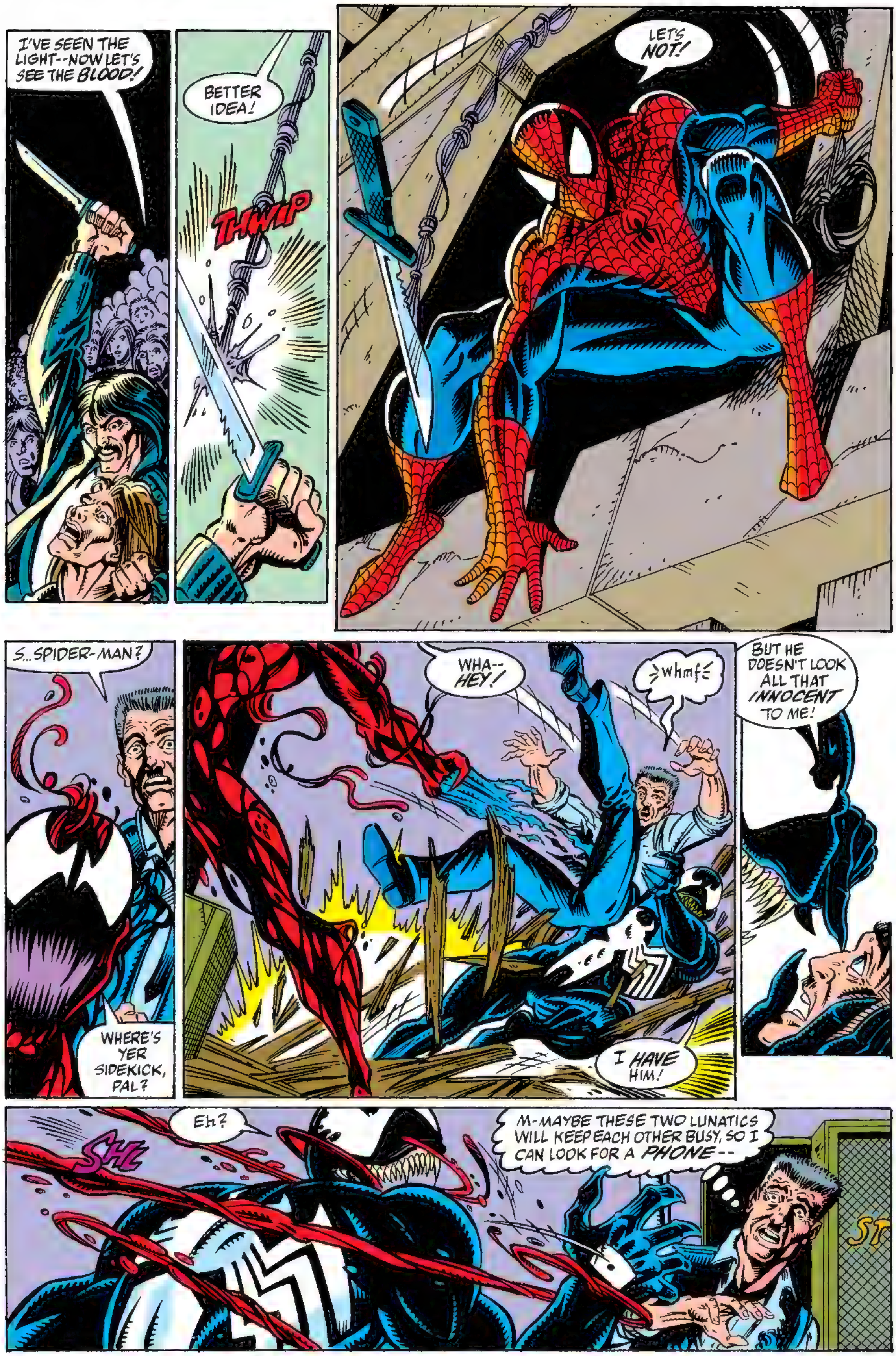

VENOM!
WAIT! HE'S WITH ME!
WITH... YOU?!
I KNOW. I FIND THE CONCEPT AS LOATHSOME AS YOU DO. BUT DON'T WORRY.
IT WON'T BE FOREVER!
SOME MONSTER KIDNAPPED JONAH, SPIDER-MAN! I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT TOOK HIM, BUT THEY HEADED SOUTHWEST!
THE THING SAID IT WANTED TO MAKE ITS POINT IN FRONT OF A LARGER GROUP, TO PEOPLE MORE RECEPTIVE TO ITS CREED!
HANG IN THERE, ROBBIE. WE'LL DO ALL WE CAN.
HOLD IT! VENOM'S A CONVICTED MURDERER! HE STAYS!
YOU THINK I LIKE THIS? I'M THE PRIME CANDIDATE TO BE HIS NEXT TARGET!
BUT AS LONG AS CARNAGE IS LOOSE, INNOCENT BYSTANDERS ARE GOING TO DIE BY THE DOZEN! AND VENOM COULD BE THE ONLY KEY TO STOPPING IT!
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.
NICE SPEECH.
THUMBS UP!

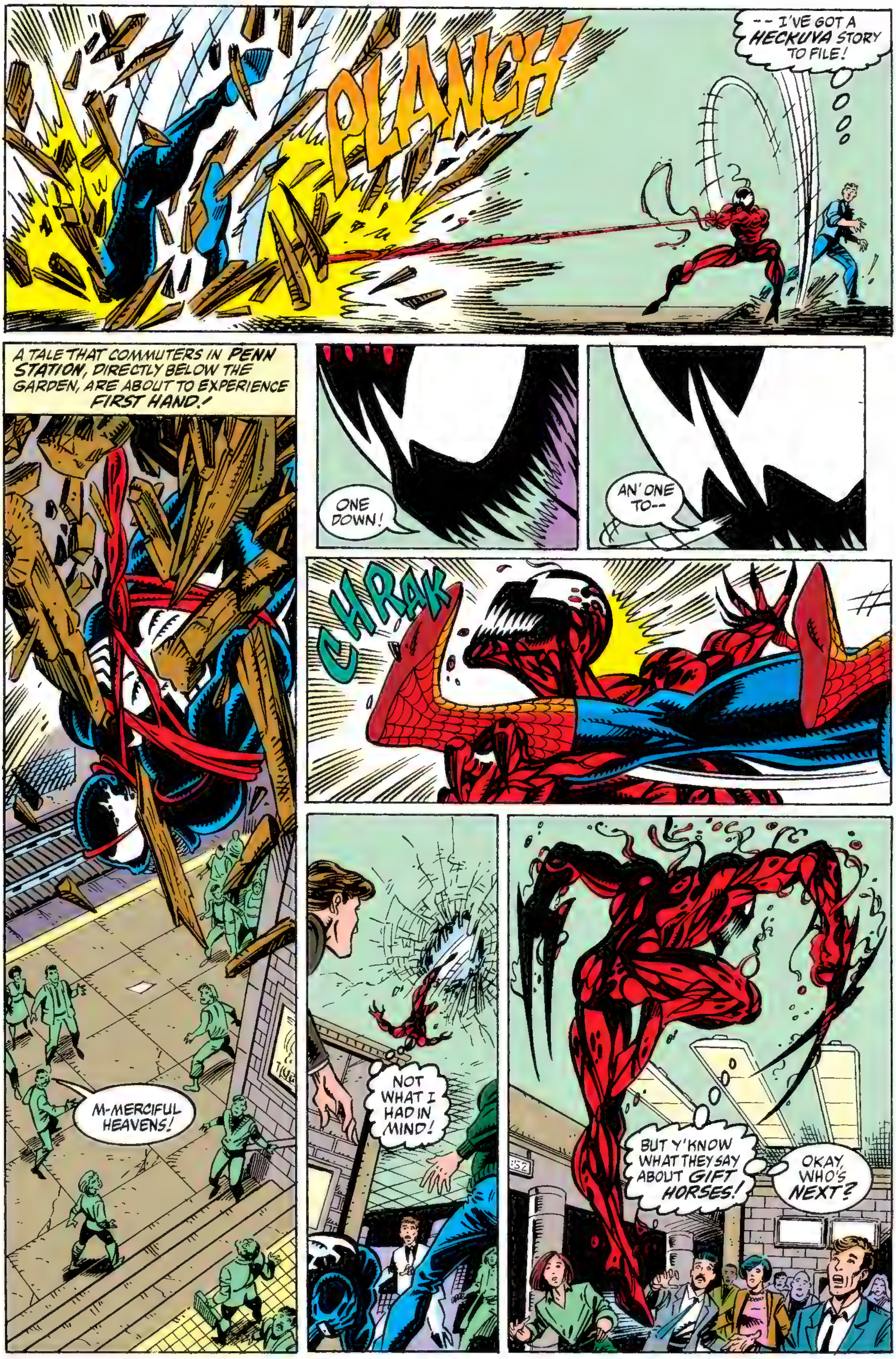

HECK, I TOOK RESPONSIBILITY WHEN I RISKED LEAVING VENOM ON THAT ISLAND; AND AGAIN FOR *FREEING* HIM!
WHY STOP NOW?
I KNOW THIS IS A LOUSY TIME, MR. ROBERTSON, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES...
...SHOULD WE UPDATE MR. JAMESON'S *OBITUARY* IN THE COMPUTER FILES?
THIS IS A NEWSPAPER, LEVITZ.
YOU KNOW PROCEDURES.
DO IT.
KNOWING THE ENEMY COULD BE IMPORTANT! TELL ME ABOUT KASADY!
HE'S A LOUT. AN UNCOUTH LONER. EVEN WHEN I INVITED HIM TO JOIN MY HOURLY EXERCISE SESSIONS --
-- HE PREFERRED TO LIE ON HIS BUNK LISTENING TO HEAVY METAL MUSIC, SO LOUD THAT *I* COULD HEAR IT FROM HIS HEADPHONES!
HE NEVER EXERCISED? SO HOW COME HE SEEMS EVEN STRONGER THAN *YOU?*
PERHAPS MY OTHER'S SPAWN TOOK *OUR* STRENGTH WITH IT!
ADDED IT TO KASADY'S OWN MANIACAL MIGHT!

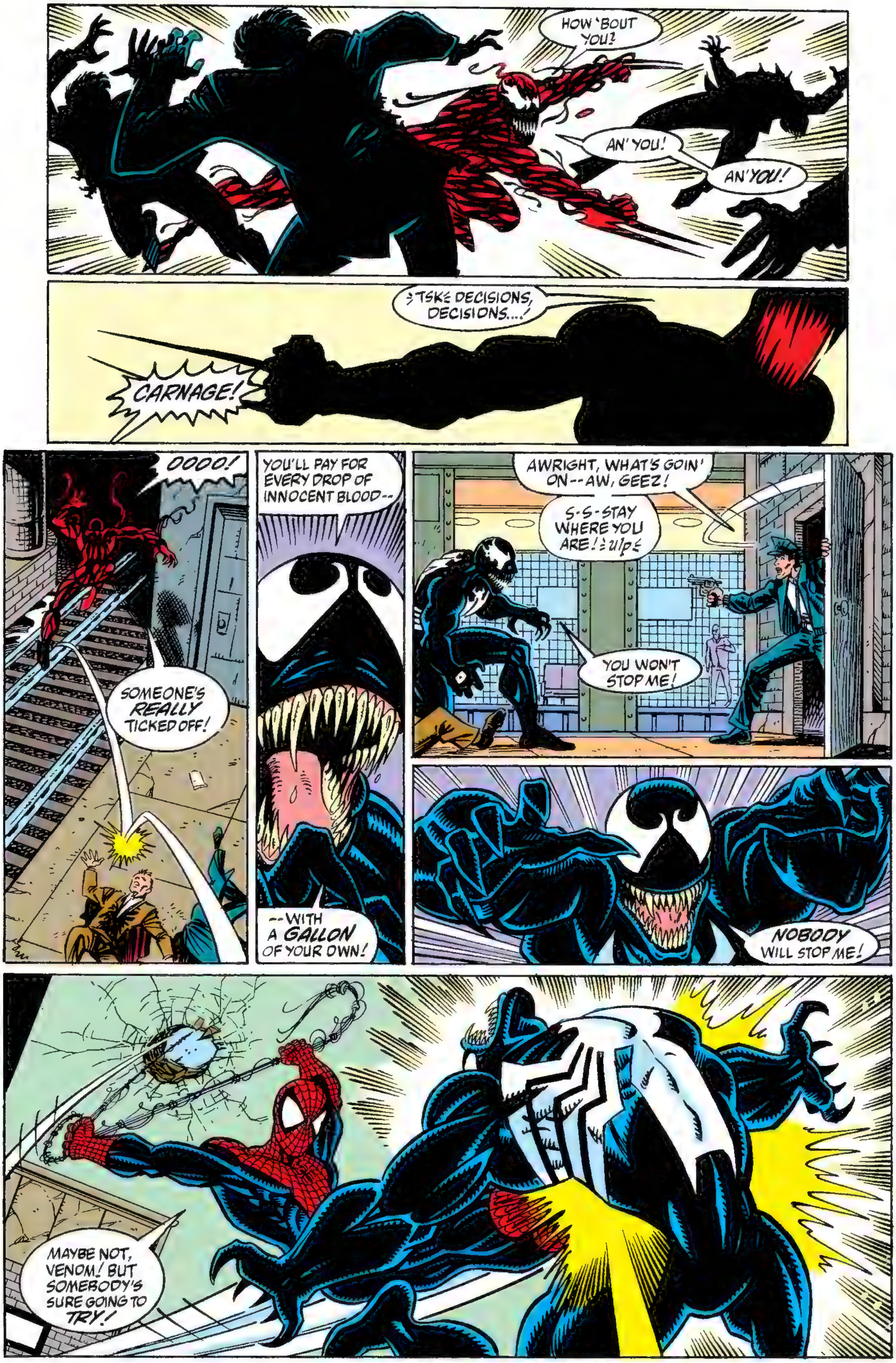

GEE, THAT'S COMFORTING! IF-- eh? SCREAMS!
FROM BELOW!
LISA! OH, MY GOD! LISA!
WHAT HAPPENED?
W-WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO A PARTY--
--WHEN THIS RED GUY CARRYIN' AN OLD DUDE LANDED ON THE SIDEWALK!
H-HE SAID, "GOTTA KEEP IN PRACTICE!," THEN WENT EENIE-MEENIE-MINIE-MOE... A-AND SHOVED LISA THROUGH THE MARBLE WALL!
WHICH WAY DID HE GO?
I... I DON'T KNOW!
I-I WAS LOOKIN' AT LISA!
SOMEONE SAW. SOMEONE KNOWS!
AND THAT SOMEONE HAD BEST SPEAK QUICKLY..
-- OR THIS WOMAN WON'T BE THE ONLY BLOODY SMEAR ON THE WALL!
HSSSSSSSS
VENOM! NO!
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
HEADBANGER HEAVEN

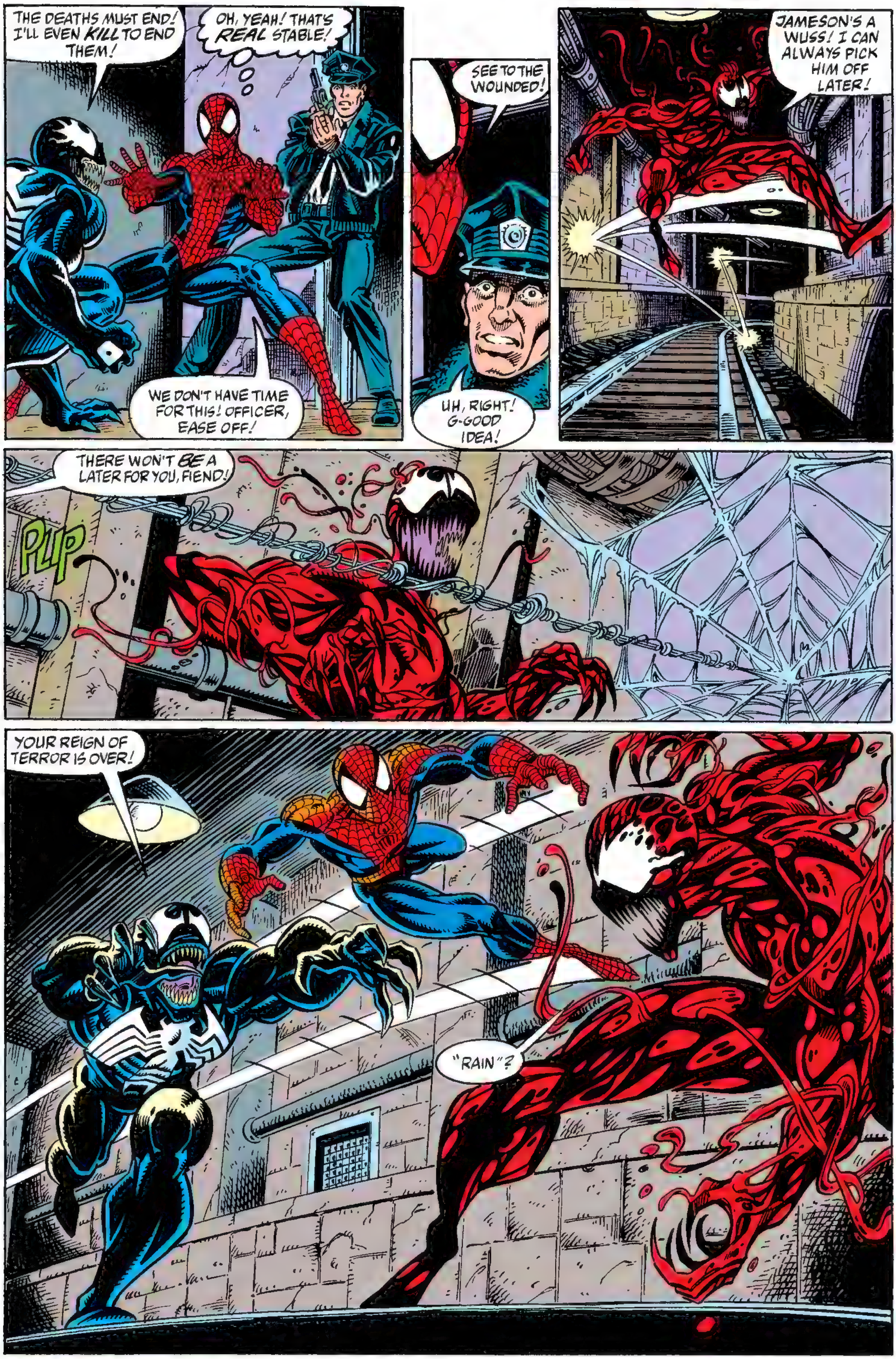

LOOK, SPIDER-MAN! JUST LOOK WHAT HE DID TO THAT INNOCENT GIRL!
I AM LOOKING! BUT WE CAN'T--
--WAIT! THAT COULD BE IT! METALHEADS TAKE PRIDE IN BUCKING THE ESTABLISHMENT!
AND KASADY WAS LOOKING FOR A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE!
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
HEADBANGER HEAVEN!!
NO FATE
IF YOU'RE WRONG?
PRAY I'M NOT!
LET'S GO!
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN: A NEW YORK INSTITUTION, BUILT TO LAST.
BUT TONIGHT, THAT VENERABLE VENUE'S STEEL AND CONCRETE WALLS TREMBLE!
FOR INSIDE, SHAGGY REBELS SHRIEK DEFIANCE, BLASTING THEIR IDEOLOGY THROUGH AMPLIFIERS THE SIZE OF SMALL DWELLINGS.
WORDS OF ANGER AND AGGRESSION WHIP LISTENERS INTO A STORM OF RAW EMOTION.
ON MOST NIGHTS, THEIR WORDS OF MURDER AND RAGE ARE BUT KEYS, TOOLS TO TEAR DOWN BARRIERS OF REPRESSION AND SOCIETAL PROGRAMMING.
SYMBOLS NOT MEANT TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY.
ON MOST NIGHTS...!

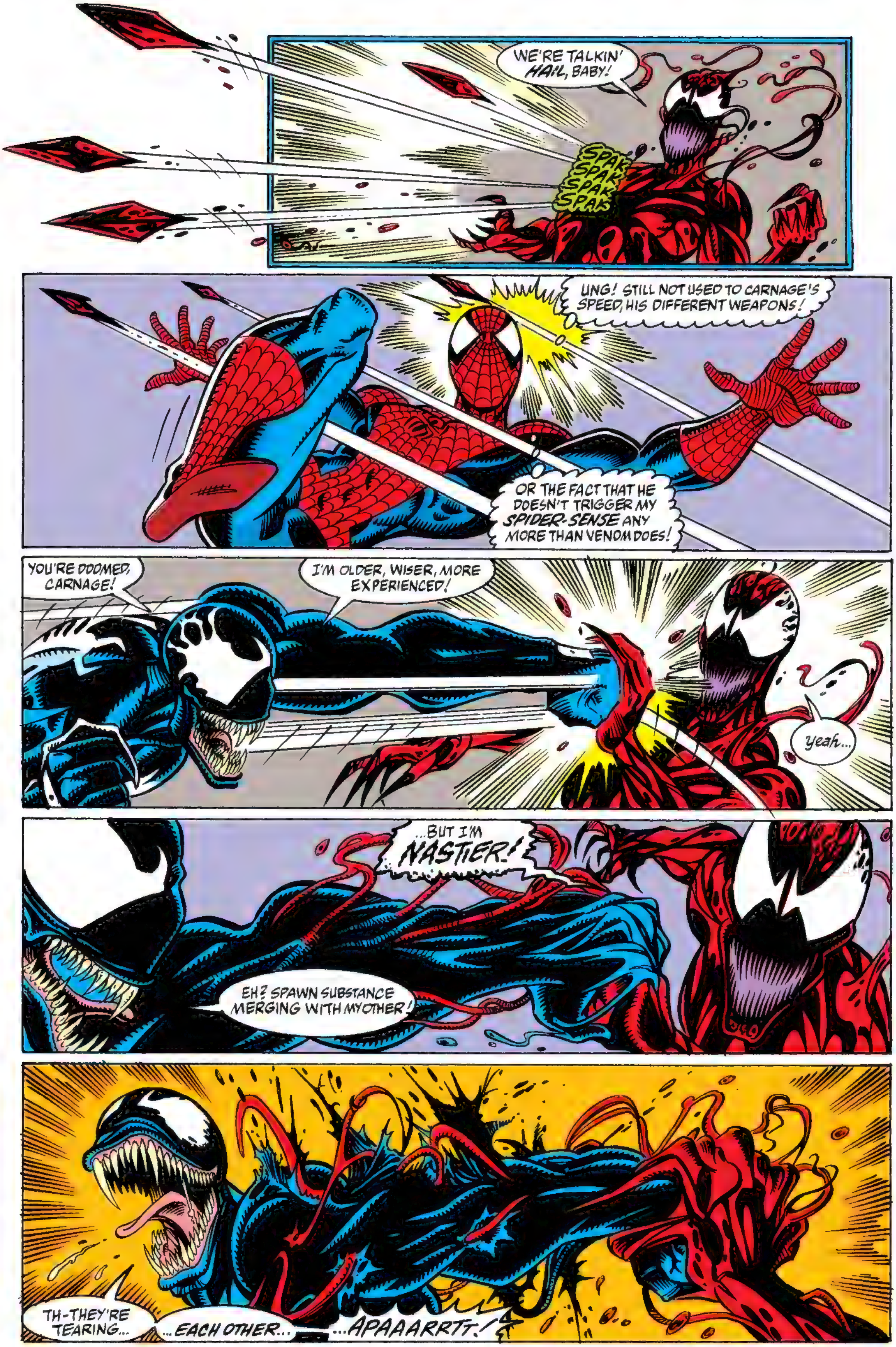

CENTER STAGE AT THE GARDEN! WOTTA RUSH!
AW, GEEZ! OKAY, PAL, YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN!
STAFF
NO! S-STAY BACK! HE'S--
HNG
SPLATCH
WHOOOOAA!
DYNAMITE STAGE SHOW!
PRIMO, MAN! LOOKS REAL!
HIYA, KIDS! I'M CARNAGE!
I KILL PEOPLE!
JUST LIKE I'M GONNA WASTE THIS SUIT OVER HERE, JUST TO SHOW HOW EASY IT IS!
ALL YA NEED'S THE GUTS TO DO IT! ARE YA WITH ME?
HEY, MAN, AUTHORITY BITES! BUT THAT DON'T MEAN KILLIN' PEOPLE'S COOL!
NO! NO, HE'S RIGHT!

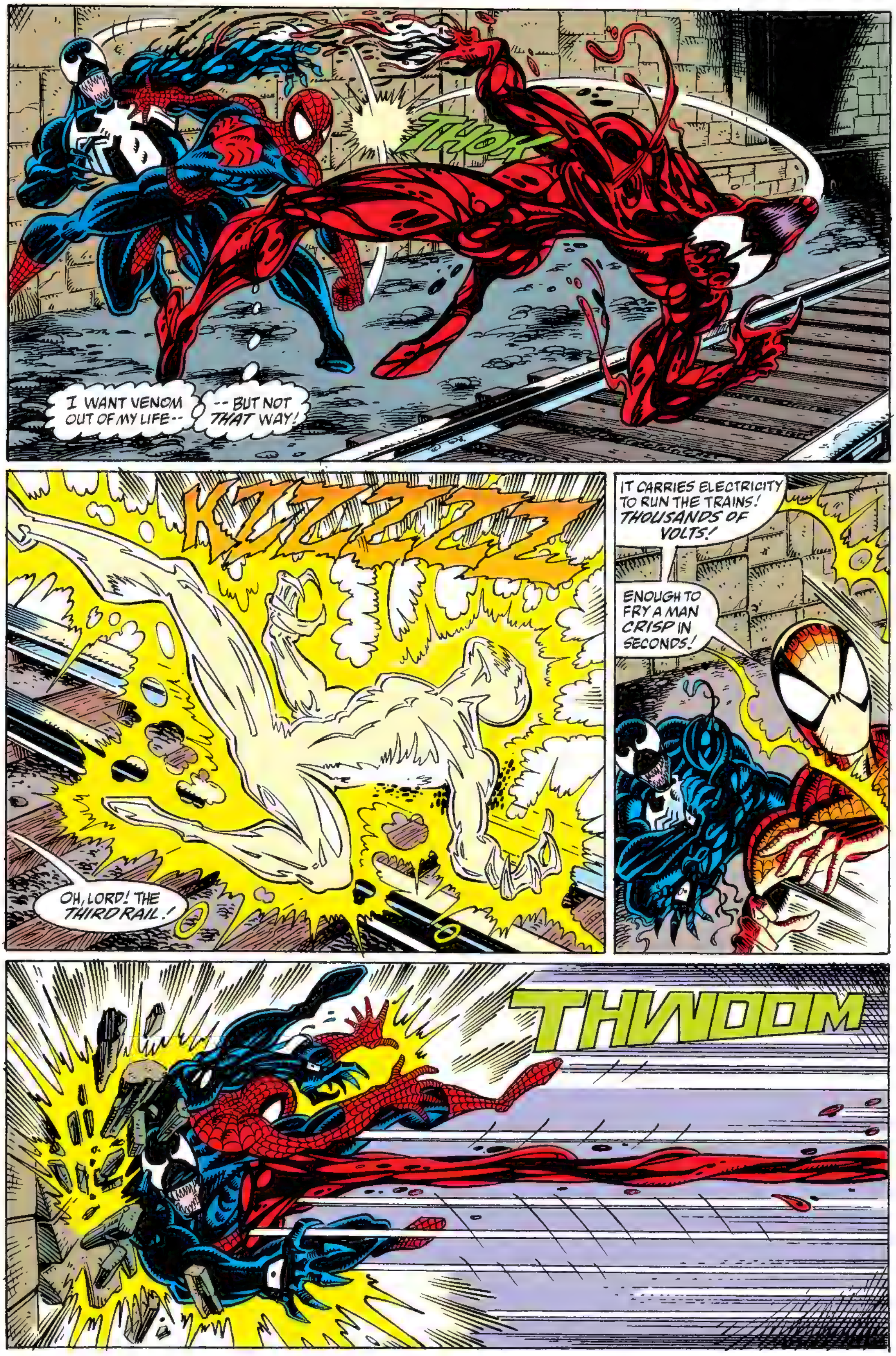

I'VE SEEN THE LIGHT--NOW LET'S SEE THE BLOOD!
BETTER IDEA!
THWIP
LET'S NOT!
S...SPIDER-MAN?
WHERE'S YER SIDEKICK, PAL?
WHA-- HEY!
Whmf
I HAVE HIM!
BUT HE DOESN'T LOOK ALL THAT INNOCENT TO ME!
Eh?
SHL
M-MAYBE THESE TWO LUNATICS WILL KEEP EACH OTHER BUSY, SO I CAN LOOK FOR A PHONE--
ST

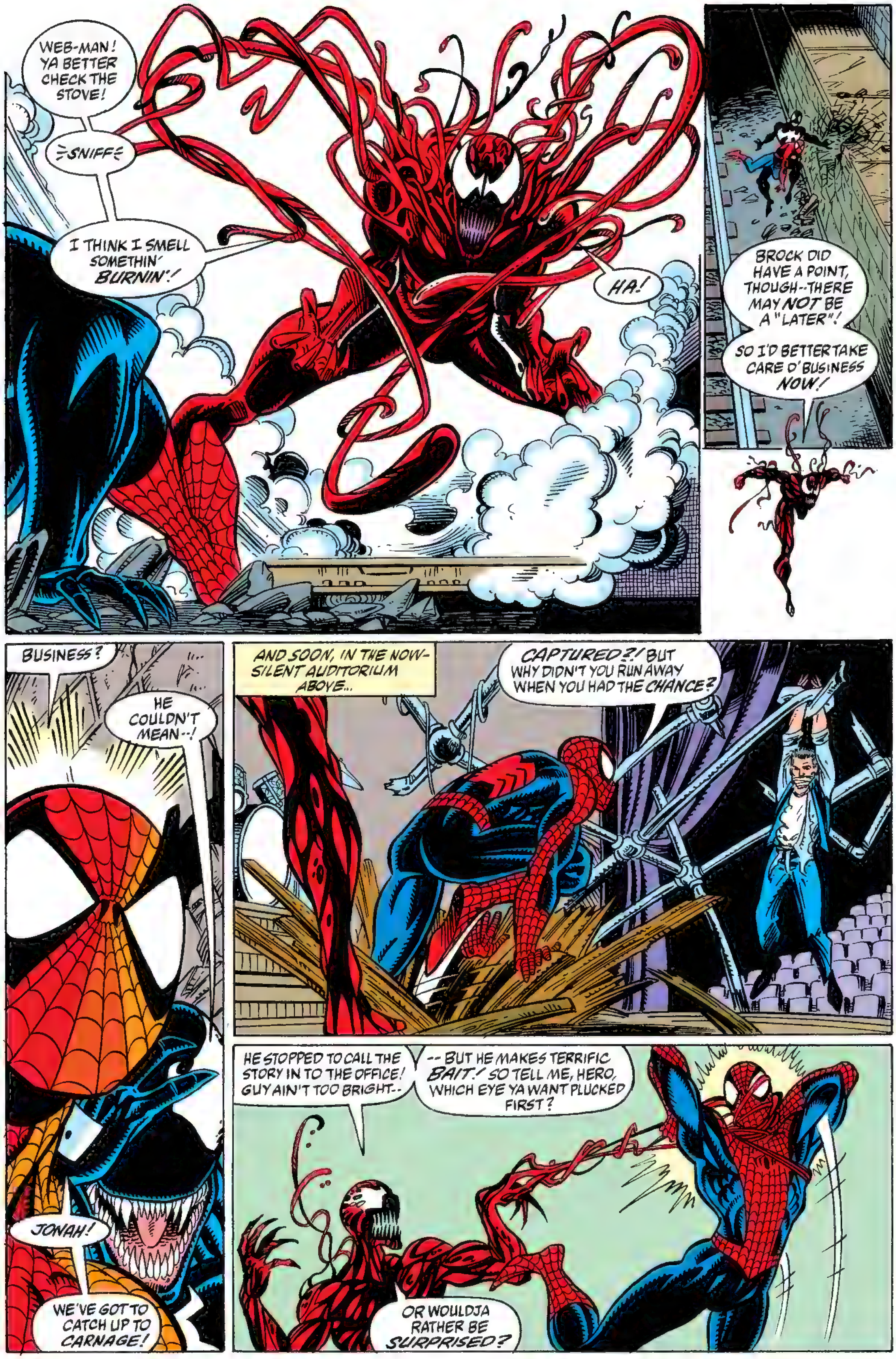

PLANCH
-- I'VE GOT A HECKUVA STORY TO FILE!
A TALE THAT COMMUTERS IN PENN STATION, DIRECTLY BELOW THE GARDEN, ARE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE FIRST HAND!
M-MERCIFUL HEAVENS!
ONE DOWN!
AN' ONE TO--
CHRAK
NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
BUT Y'KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT GIFT HORSES!
OKAY, WHO'S NEXT?

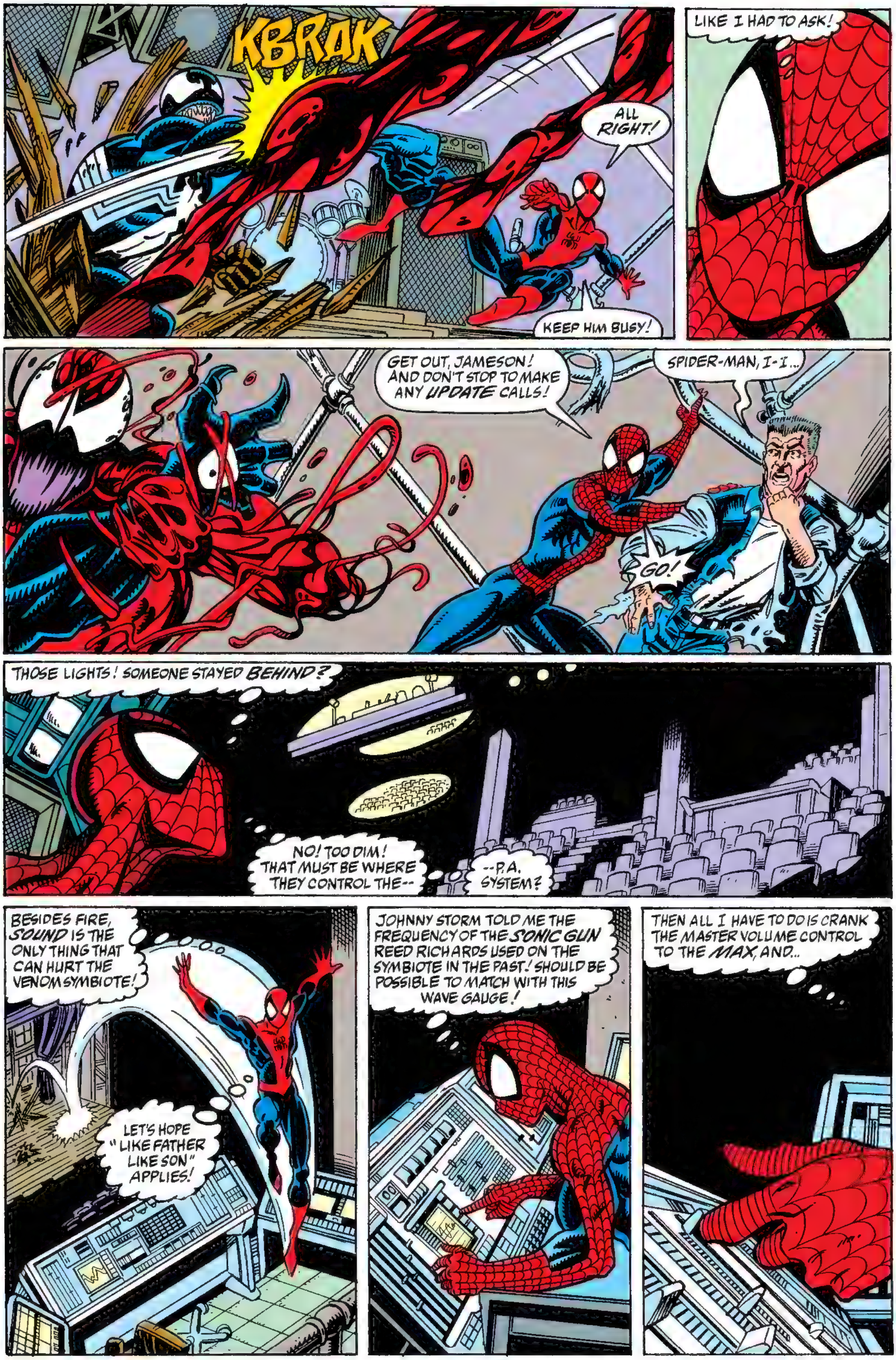

HOW 'BOUT YOU?
AN' YOU!
AN' YOU!
≷TSK≶ DECISIONS, DECISIONS...!
CARNAGE!
OOOO!
SOMEONE'S *REALLY* TICKED OFF!
YOU'LL PAY FOR EVERY DROP OF INNOCENT BLOOD--
--WITH A *GALLON* OF YOUR OWN!
AWRIGHT, WHAT'S GOIN' ON--AW, GEEZ!
S-S-STAY WHERE YOU ARE! ≷*ulp*≶
YOU WON'T STOP ME!
NOBODY WILL STOP ME!
MAYBE NOT, VENOM! BUT SOMEBODY'S SURE GOING TO *TRY*!


THE DEATHS MUST END! I'LL EVEN KILL TO END THEM!
OH, YEAH! THAT'S REAL STABLE!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! OFFICER, EASE OFF!
SEE TO THE WOUNDED!
UH, RIGHT! G-GOOD IDEA!
JAMESON'S A WUSS! I CAN ALWAYS PICK HIM OFF LATER!
THERE WON'T BE A LATER FOR YOU, FIEND!
PLIP
YOUR REIGN OF TERROR IS OVER!
"RAIN"?


WE'RE TALKIN' *HAIL*, BABY!
SPAK SPAK SPAK SPAK
UNG! STILL NOT USED TO CARNAGE'S SPEED, HIS DIFFERENT WEAPONS!
OR THE FACT THAT HE DOESN'T TRIGGER MY *SPIDER-SENSE* ANY MORE THAN VENOM DOES!
YOU'RE DOOMED, CARNAGE!
I'M OLDER, WISER, MORE EXPERIENCED!
yeah...
...BUT I'M *NASTIER!*
EH? SPAWN SUBSTANCE MERGING WITH MY OTHER!
TH-THEY'RE TEARING...
...EACH OTHER...
...APAAARRTT!


THOK
I WANT VENOM OUT OF MY LIFE--
--BUT NOT *THAT* WAY!
KZZZZZ
OH, LORD! THE *THIRD RAIL!*
IT CARRIES ELECTRICITY TO RUN THE TRAINS! *THOUSANDS OF VOLTS!*
ENOUGH TO FRY A MAN *CRISP* IN SECONDS!
THWOOM


WEB-MAN! YA BETTER CHECK THE STOVE!
≠SNIFF≠
I THINK I SMELL SOMETHIN' *BURNIN'!*
HA!
BROCK DID HAVE A POINT, THOUGH--THERE MAY *NOT* BE A "LATER"!
SO I'D BETTER TAKE CARE O' BUSINESS *NOW!*
BUSINESS?
HE COULDN'T MEAN--!
JONAH!
WE'VE GOT TO CATCH UP TO *CARNAGE!*
AND SOON, IN THE NOW-SILENT AUDITORIUM ABOVE...
CAPTURED?! BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN AWAY WHEN YOU HAD THE *CHANCE?*
HE STOPPED TO CALL THE STORY IN TO THE OFFICE! GUY AIN'T TOO BRIGHT--
--BUT HE MAKES TERRIFIC *BAIT!* SO TELL ME, HERO, WHICH EYE YA WANT PLUCKED FIRST?
OR WOULDJA RATHER BE *SURPRISED?*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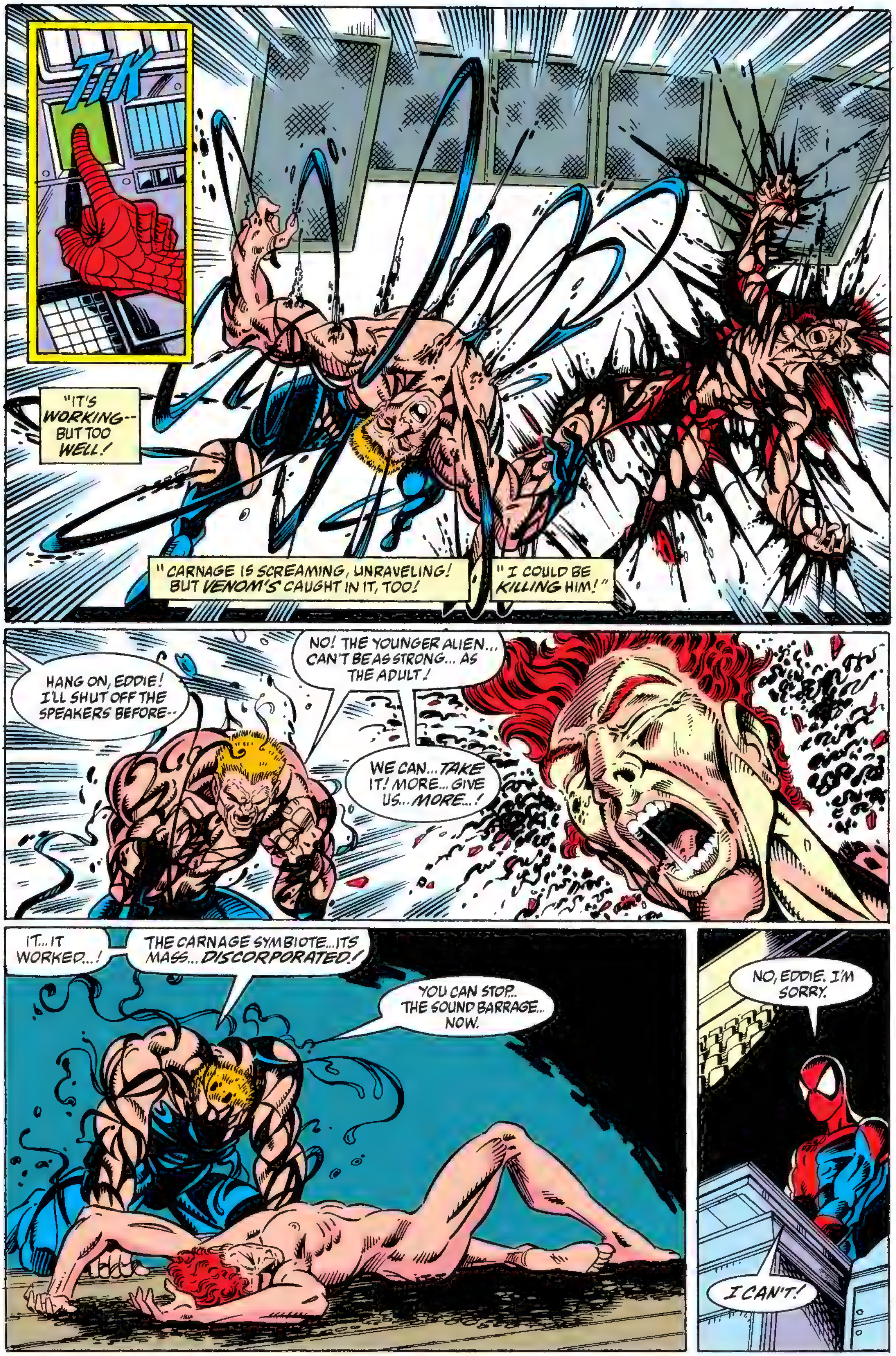
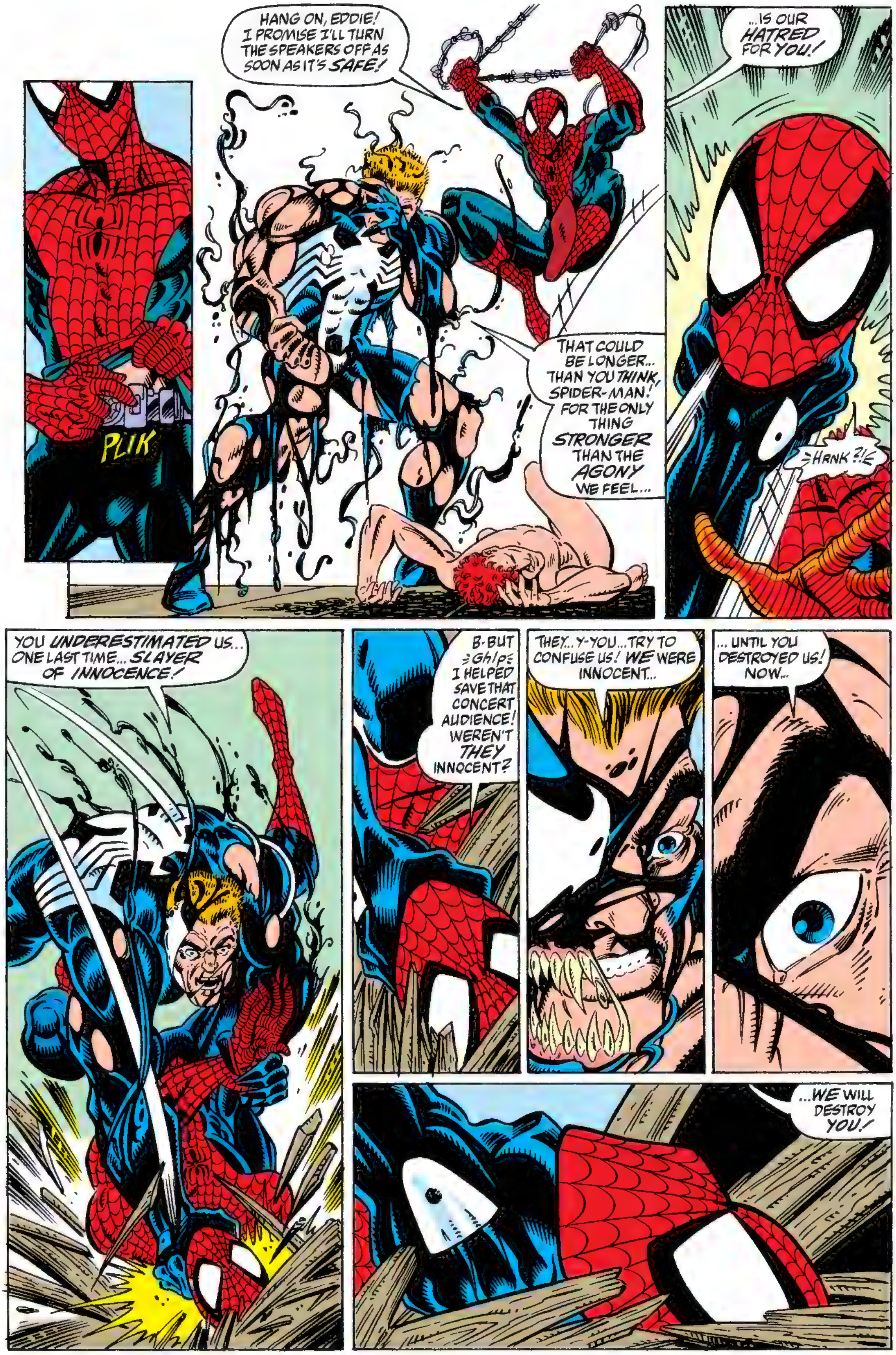
ALL RIGHT!
KEEP HIM BUSY!
LIKE I HAD TO ASK!
GET OUT, JAMESON! AND DON'T STOP TO MAKE ANY *UPDATE* CALLS!
SPIDER-MAN, I-I...
GO!
THOSE LIGHTS! SOMEONE STAYED *BEHIND*?
NO! TOO DIM! THAT MUST BE WHERE THEY CONTROL THE--
--P.A. SYSTEM?
BESIDES FIRE, *SOUND* IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN HURT THE VENOM SYMBIOTE!
LET'S HOPE "LIKE FATHER LIKE SON" APPLIES!
JOHNNY STORM TOLD ME THE FREQUENCY OF THE *SONIC GUN* REED RICHARDS USED ON THE SYMBIOTE IN THE PAST! SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MATCH WITH THIS WAVE GAUGE!
THEN ALL I HAVE TO DO IS CRANK THE MASTER VOLUME CONTROL TO THE *MAX*, AND...


TIK
"IT'S WORKING-- BUT TOO WELL!
"CARNAGE IS SCREAMING, UNRAVELING! BUT VENOM'S CAUGHT IN IT, TOO!
"I COULD BE KILLING HIM!"
HANG ON, EDDIE! I'LL SHUT OFF THE SPEAKERS BEFORE--
NO! THE YOUNGER ALIEN... CAN'T BE AS STRONG... AS THE ADULT!
WE CAN... TAKE IT! MORE... GIVE US... MORE...!
IT... IT WORKED...!
THE CARNAGE SYMBIOTE... ITS MASS... DISCORPORATED!
YOU CAN STOP... THE SOUND BARRAGE... NOW.
NO, EDDIE. I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T!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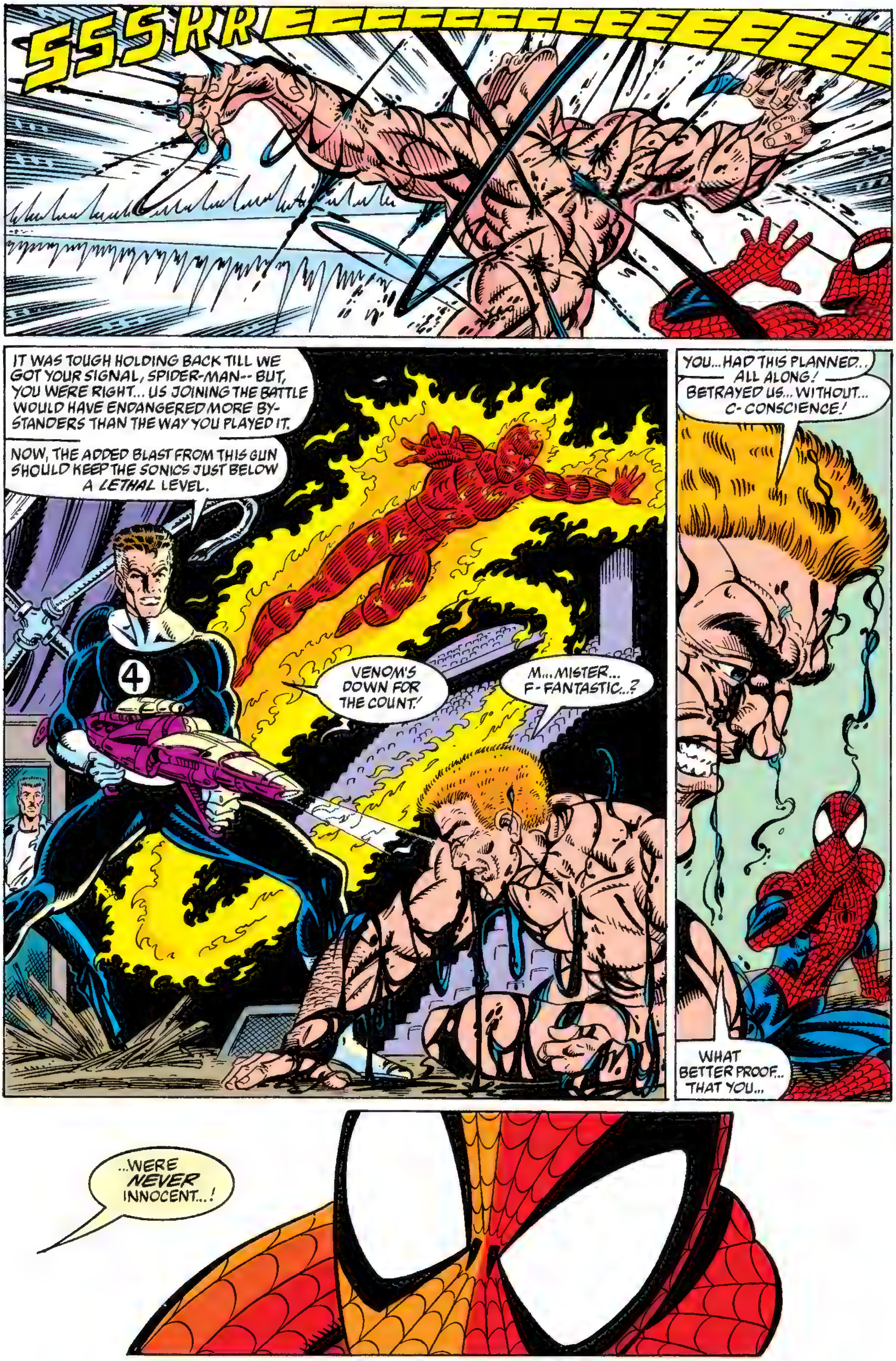
HANG ON, EDDIE! I PROMISE I'LL TURN THE SPEAKERS OFF AS SOON AS IT'S SAFE!
THAT COULD BE LONGER... THAN YOU THINK, SPIDER-MAN! FOR THE ONLY THING STRONGER THAN THE AGONY WE FEEL...
...IS OUR HATRED FOR YOU!
HRNK?!
YOU UNDERESTIMATED US... ONE LAST TIME... SLAYER OF INNOCENCE!
B-BUT —Ghlp— I HELPED SAVE THAT CONCERT AUDIENCE! WEREN'T THEY INNOCENT?
THEY... Y-YOU... TRY TO CONFUSE US! WE WERE INNOCENT...
... UNTIL YOU DESTROYED US! NOW...
...WE WILL DESTROY YOU!


SSSRREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
IT WAS TOUGH HOLDING BACK TILL WE GOT YOUR SIGNAL, SPIDER-MAN-- BUT, YOU WERE RIGHT... US JOINING THE BATTLE WOULD HAVE ENDANGERED MORE BY-STANDERS THAN THE WAY YOU PLAYED IT.
NOW, THE ADDED BLAST FROM THIS GUN SHOULD KEEP THE SONICS JUST BELOW A *LETHAL* LEVEL.
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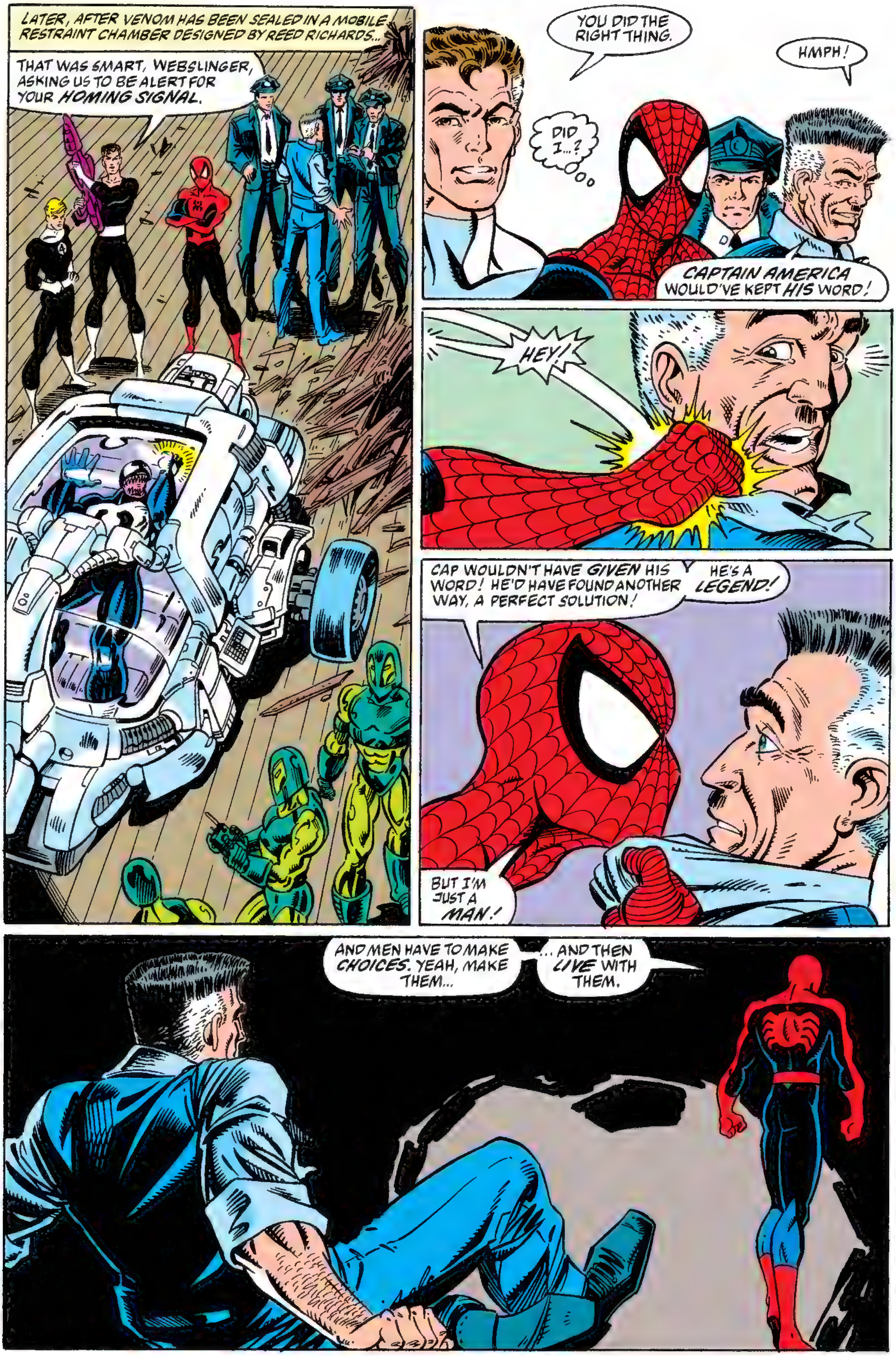
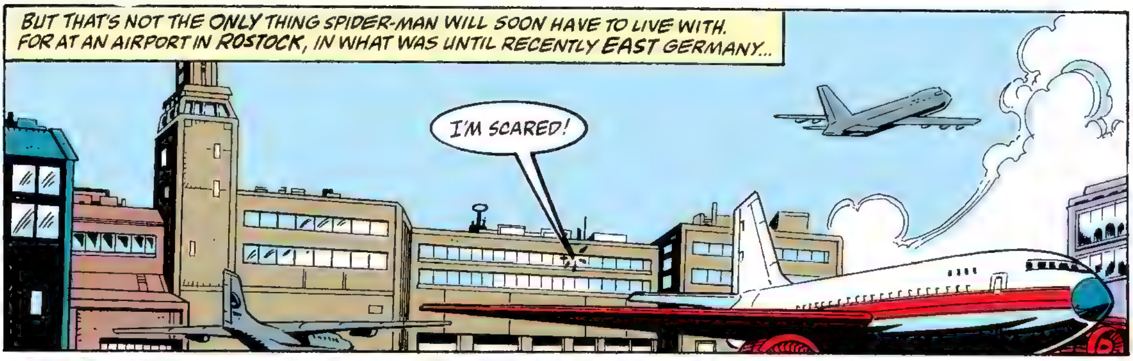
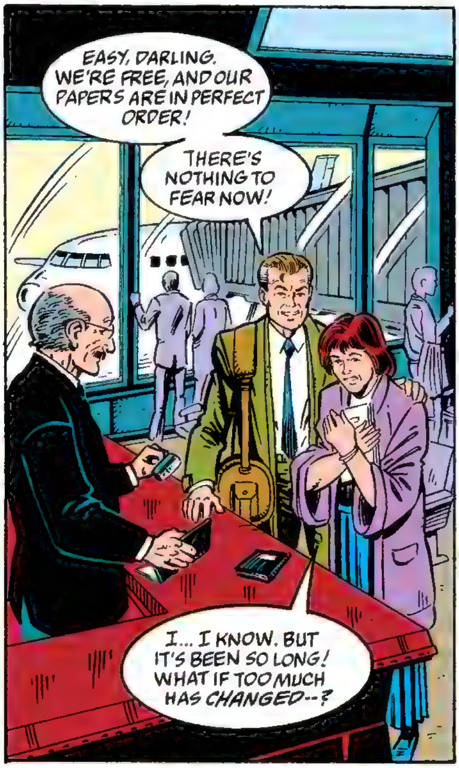
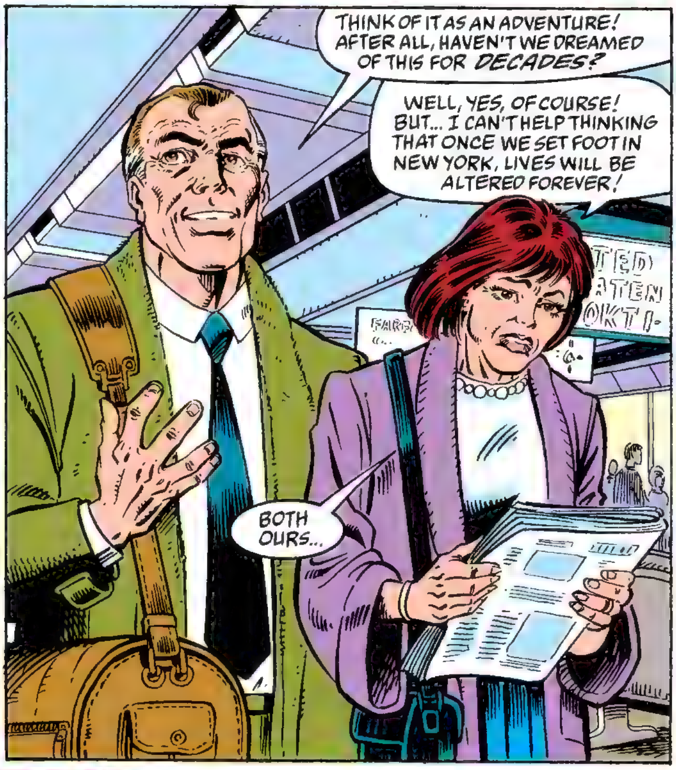
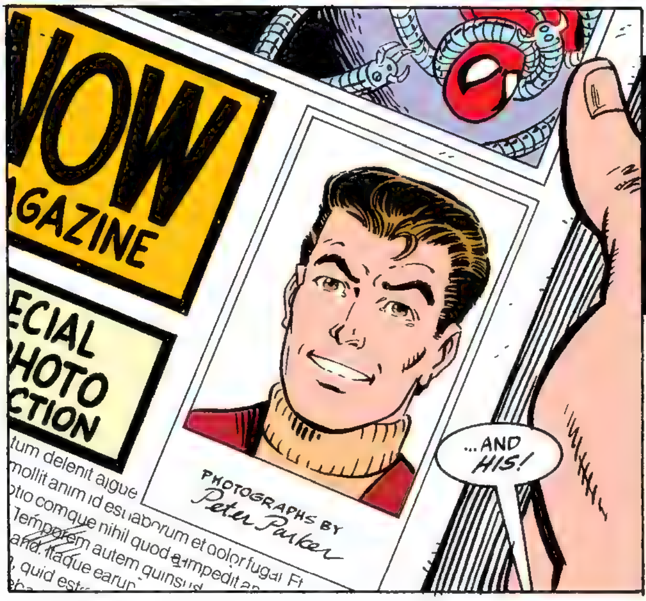
VENOM'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
M... MISTER... F-FANTASTIC...?
YOU... HAD THIS PLANNED... ALL ALONG! BETRAYED US... WITHOUT... C-CONSCIENCE!
WHAT BETTER PROOF... THAT YOU...
...WERE *NEVER* INNOCENT...!


LATER, AFTER VENOM HAS BEEN SEALED IN A MOBILE RESTRAINT CHAMBER DESIGNED BY REED RICHARDS...
THAT WAS SMART, WEBSLINGER, ASKING US TO BE ALERT FOR YOUR *HOMING SIGNAL*.
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING.
DID I...?
HMPH!
CAPTAIN AMERICA WOULD'VE KEPT *HIS* WORD!
HEY!
CAP WOULDN'T HAVE *GIVEN* HIS WORD! HE'D HAVE FOUND ANOTHER WAY, A PERFECT SOLUTION!
HE'S A *LEGEND!*
BUT I'M JUST A *MAN!*
AND MEN HAVE TO MAKE *CHOICES*. YEAH, MAKE THEM...
...AND THEN *LIVE* WITH THEM.


BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING SPIDER-MAN WILL SOON HAVE TO LIVE WITH. FOR AT AN AIRPORT IN ROSTOCK, IN WHAT WAS UNTIL RECENTLY EAST GERMANY...
I'M SCARED!


EASY, DARLING. WE'RE FREE, AND OUR PAPERS ARE IN PERFECT ORDER!
THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR NOW!
I... I KNOW. BUT IT'S BEEN SO LONG! WHAT IF TOO MUCH HAS CHANGED--?


THINK OF IT AS AN ADVENTURE! AFTER ALL, HAVEN'T WE DREAMED OF THIS FOR DECADES?
WELL, YES, OF COURSE! BUT... I CAN'T HELP THINKING THAT ONCE WE SET FOOT IN NEW YORK, LIVES WILL BE ALTERED FOREVER!
BOTH OURS...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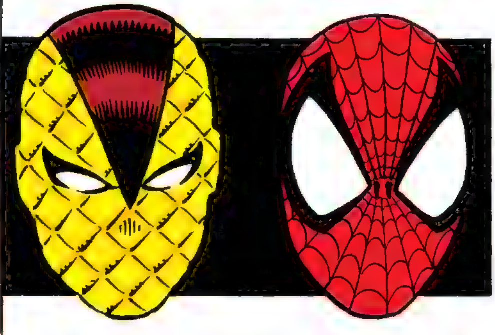

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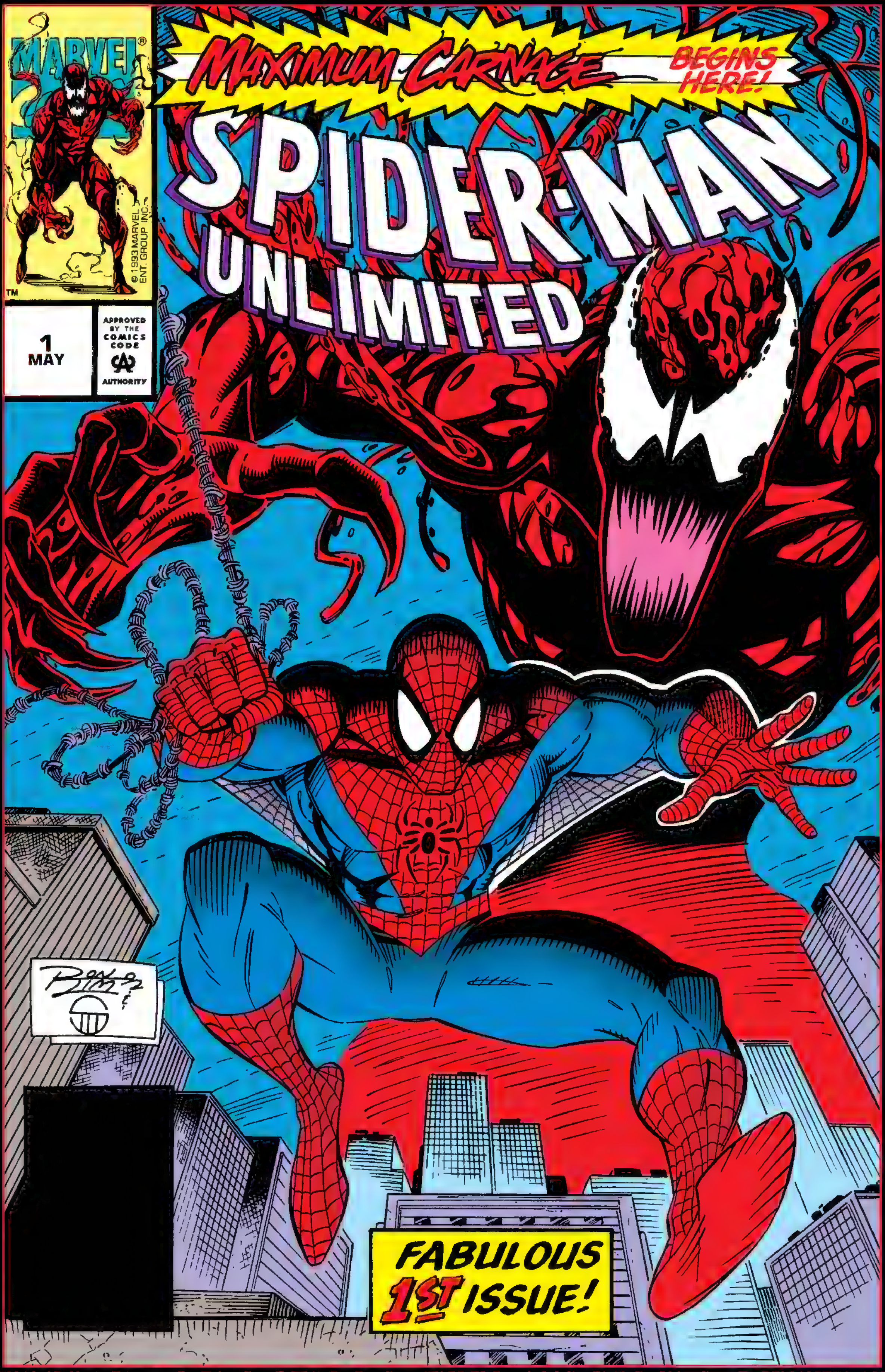
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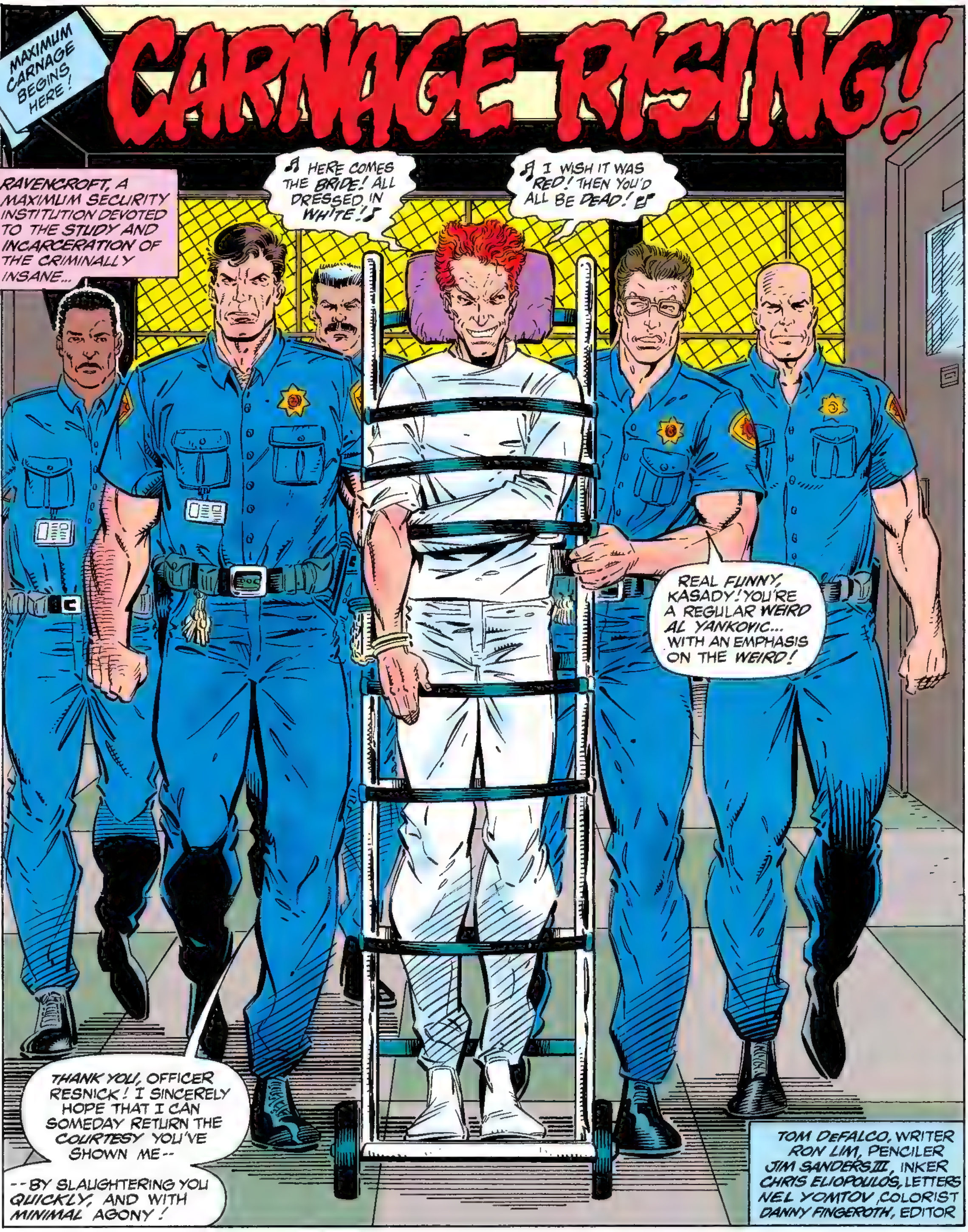
MAXIMUM CARNAGE BEGINS HERE!
CARNAGE RISING!
RAVENCROFT, A MAXIMUM SECURITY INSTITUTION DEVOTED TO THE STUDY AND INCARCERATION OF THE CRIMINALLY INSANE...
♫ HERE COMES THE BRIDE! ALL DRESSED IN WHITE! ♫
♫ I WISH IT WAS RED! THEN YOU'D ALL BE DEAD! ♫
REAL FUNNY, KASADY! YOU'RE A REGULAR WEIRD AL YANKOVIC... WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE WEIRD!
THANK YOU, OFFICER RESNICK! I SINCERELY HOPE THAT I CAN SOMEDAY RETURN THE COURTESY YOU'VE SHOWN ME--
--BY SLAUGHTERING YOU QUICKLY, AND WITH MINIMAL AGONY!

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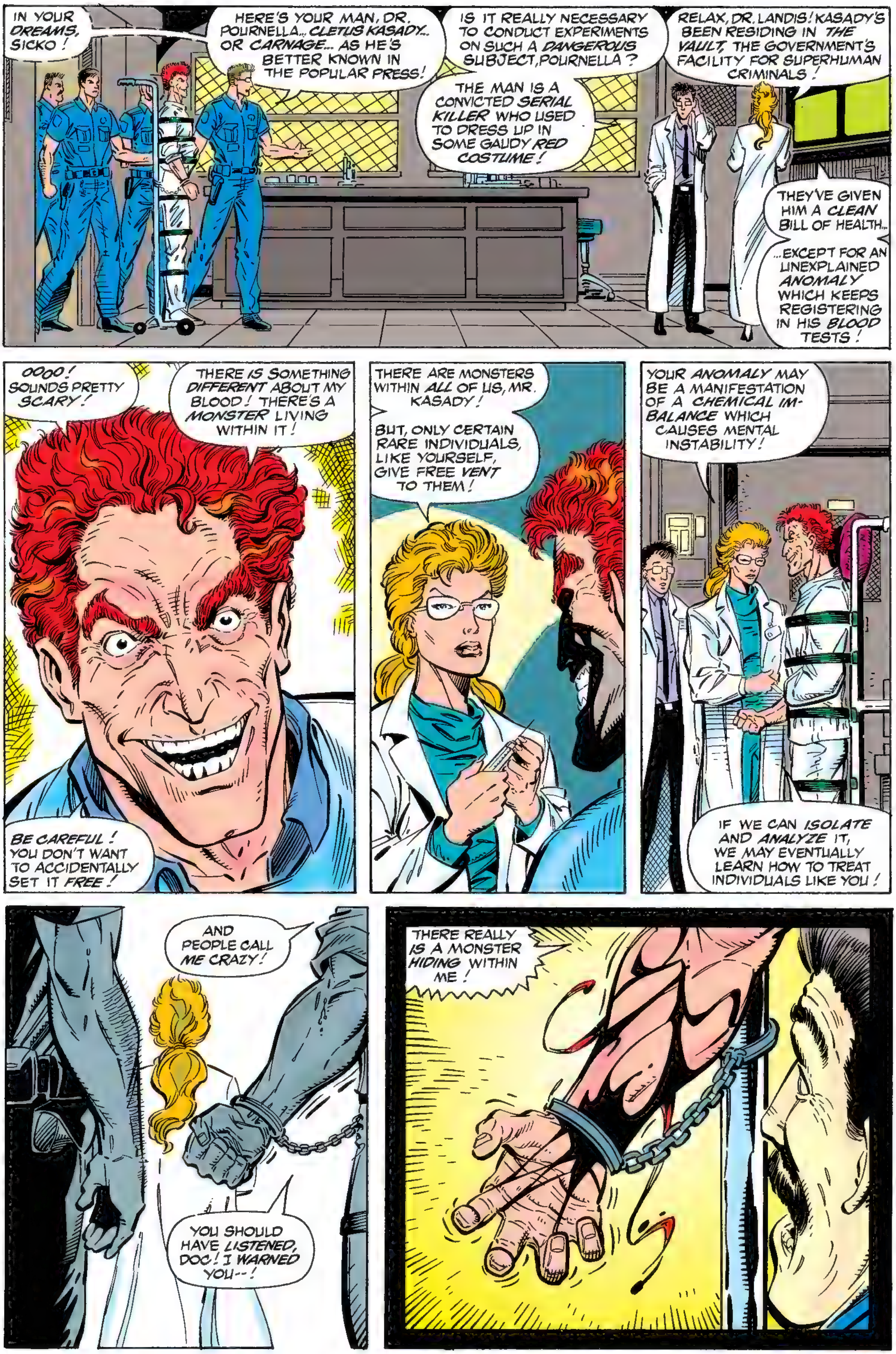
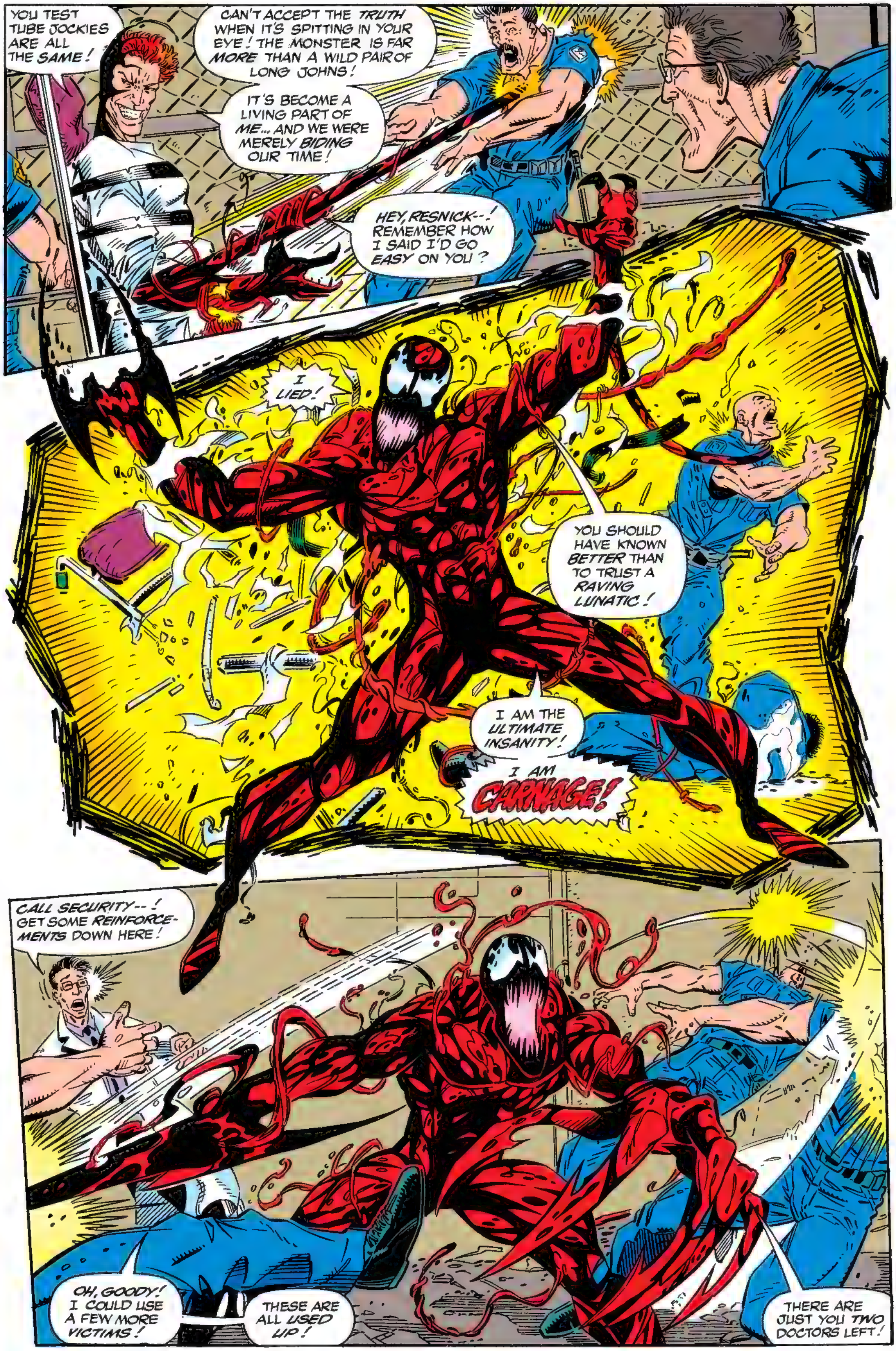
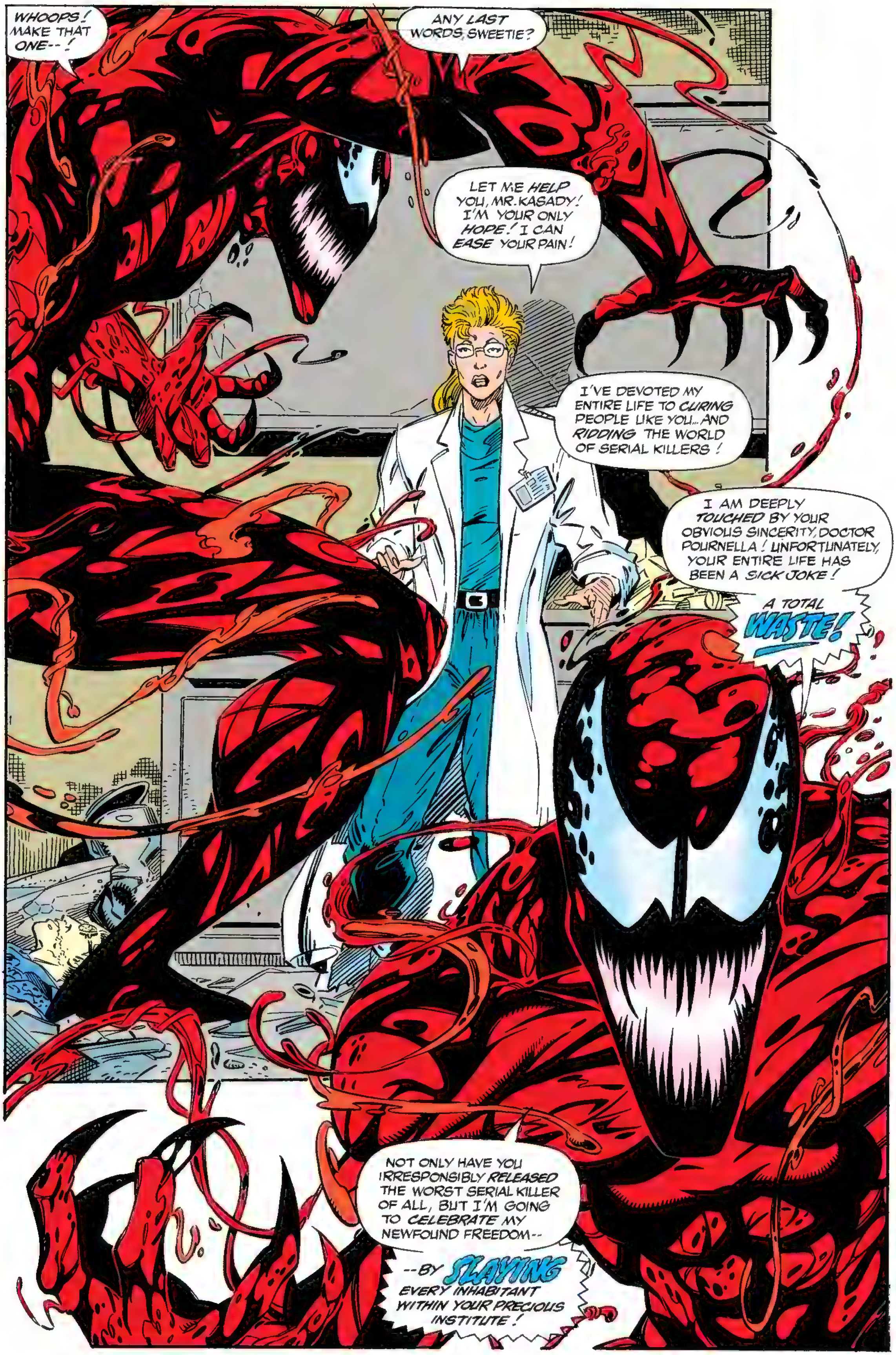
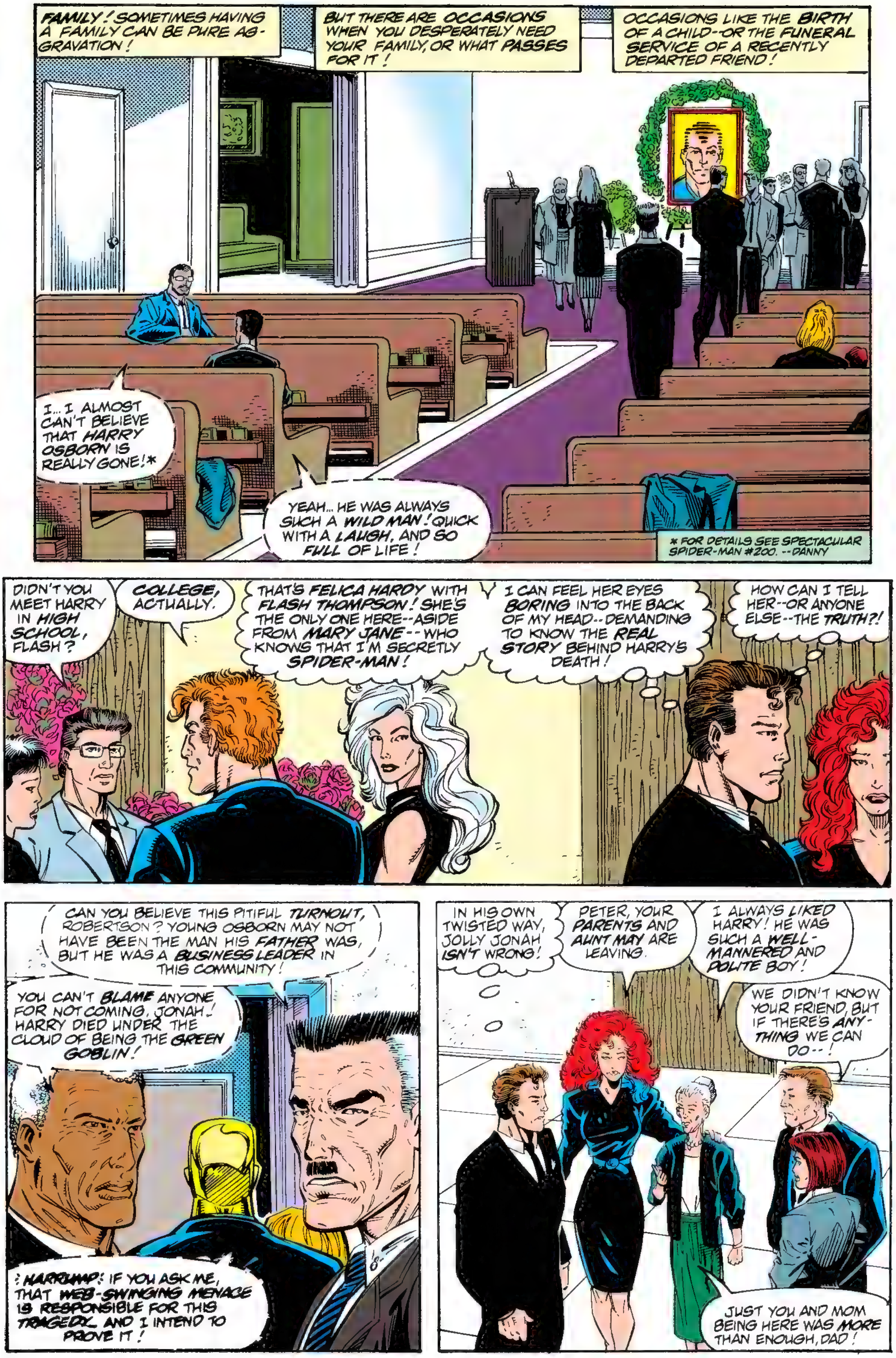
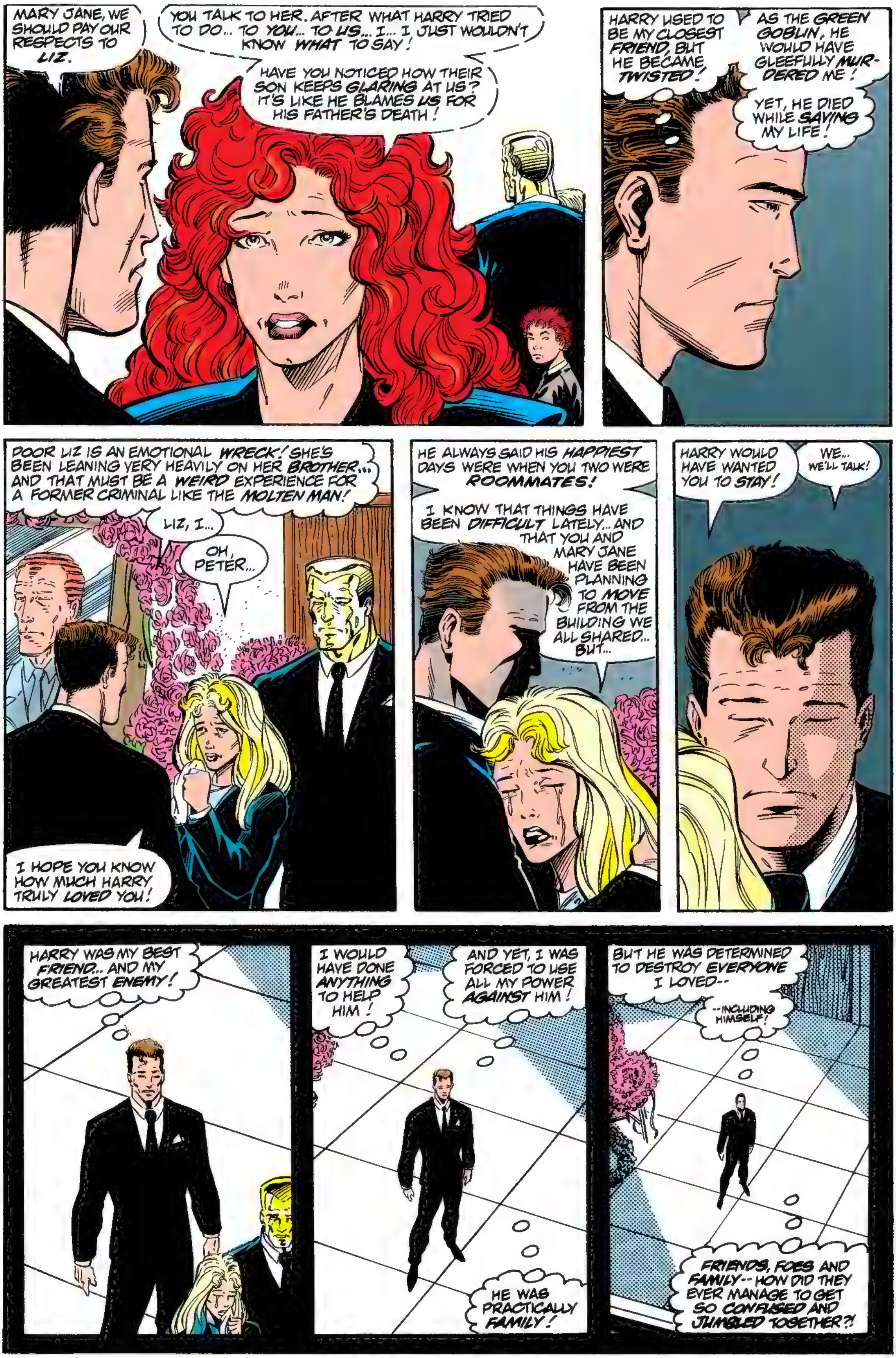
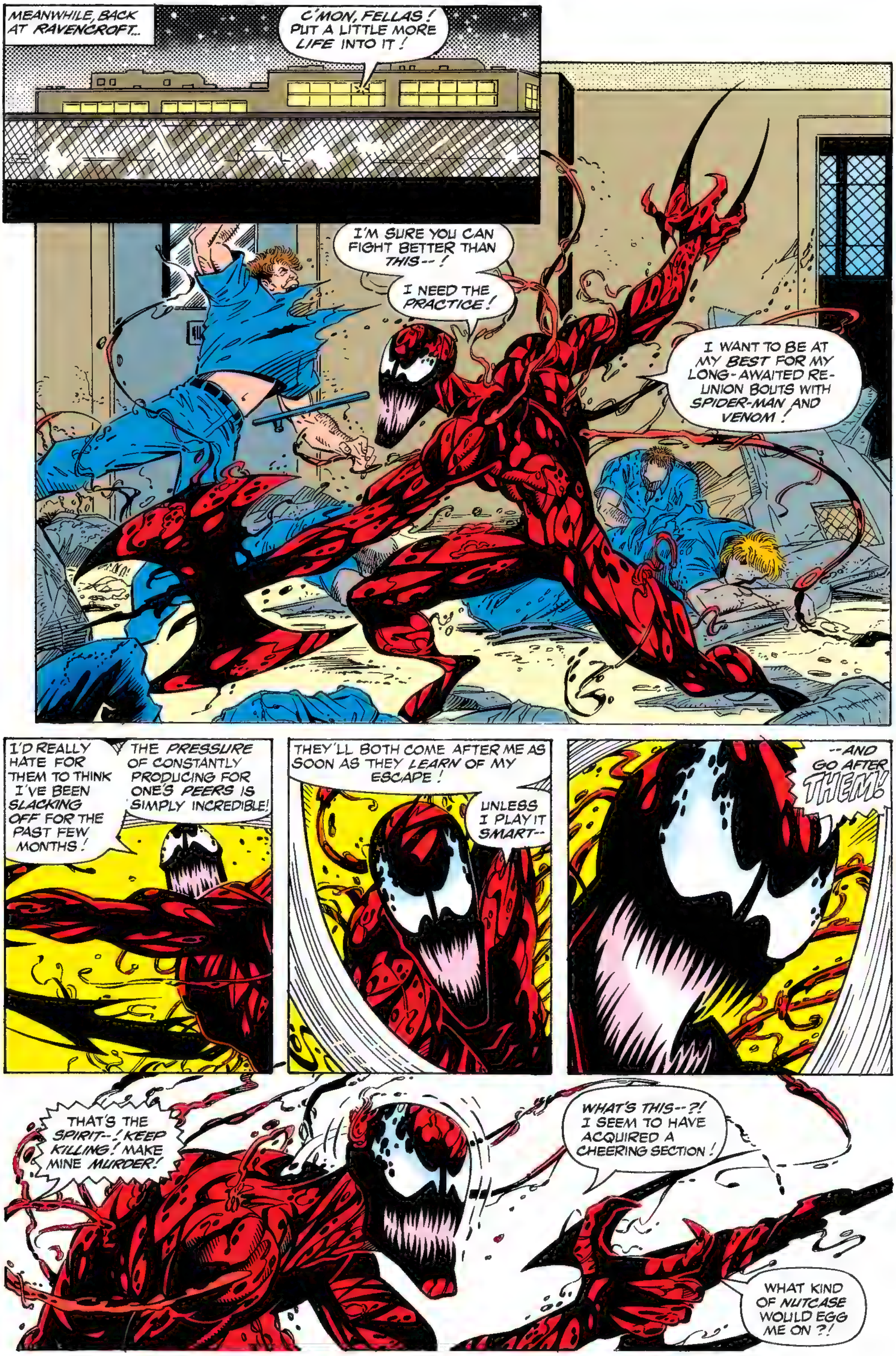

IN YOUR *DREAMS,* SICKO!
HERE'S YOUR MAN, DR. POURNELLA... *CLETUS KASADY*... OR *CARNAGE*... AS HE'S BETTER KNOWN IN THE POPULAR PRESS!
IS IT REALLY NECESSARY TO CONDUCT EXPERIMENTS ON SUCH A *DANGEROUS* SUBJECT, POURNELLA?
THE MAN IS A CONVICTED *SERIAL KILLER* WHO USED TO DRESS UP IN SOME GAUDY *RED COSTUME!*
RELAX, DR. LANDIS! KASADY'S BEEN RESIDING IN *THE VAULT,* THE GOVERNMENT'S FACILITY FOR SUPERHUMAN CRIMINALS!
THEY'VE GIVEN HIM A *CLEAN* BILL OF HEALTH...
...EXCEPT FOR AN UNEXPLAINED *ANOMALY* WHICH KEEPS REGISTERING IN HIS *BLOOD* TESTS!
OOOO! SOUNDS PRETTY *SCARY!*
THERE *IS* SOMETHING *DIFFERENT* ABOUT MY BLOOD! THERE'S A *MONSTER* LIVING WITHIN IT!
BE CAREFUL! YOU DON'T WANT TO ACCIDENTALLY SET IT *FREE!*
THERE ARE MONSTERS WITHIN *ALL* OF US, MR. KASADY!
BUT, ONLY CERTAIN RARE INDIVIDUALS, LIKE YOURSELF, GIVE FREE *VENT* TO THEM!
YOUR *ANOMALY* MAY BE A MANIFESTATION OF A *CHEMICAL IMBALANCE* WHICH CAUSES MENTAL INSTABILITY!
IF WE CAN *ISOLATE* AND *ANALYZE* IT, WE MAY EVENTUALLY LEARN HOW TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOU!
AND PEOPLE CALL *ME CRAZY!*
YOU SHOULD HAVE *LISTENED,* DOC! I *WARNED* YOU--!
THERE REALLY *IS* A MONSTER *HIDING* WITHIN ME!

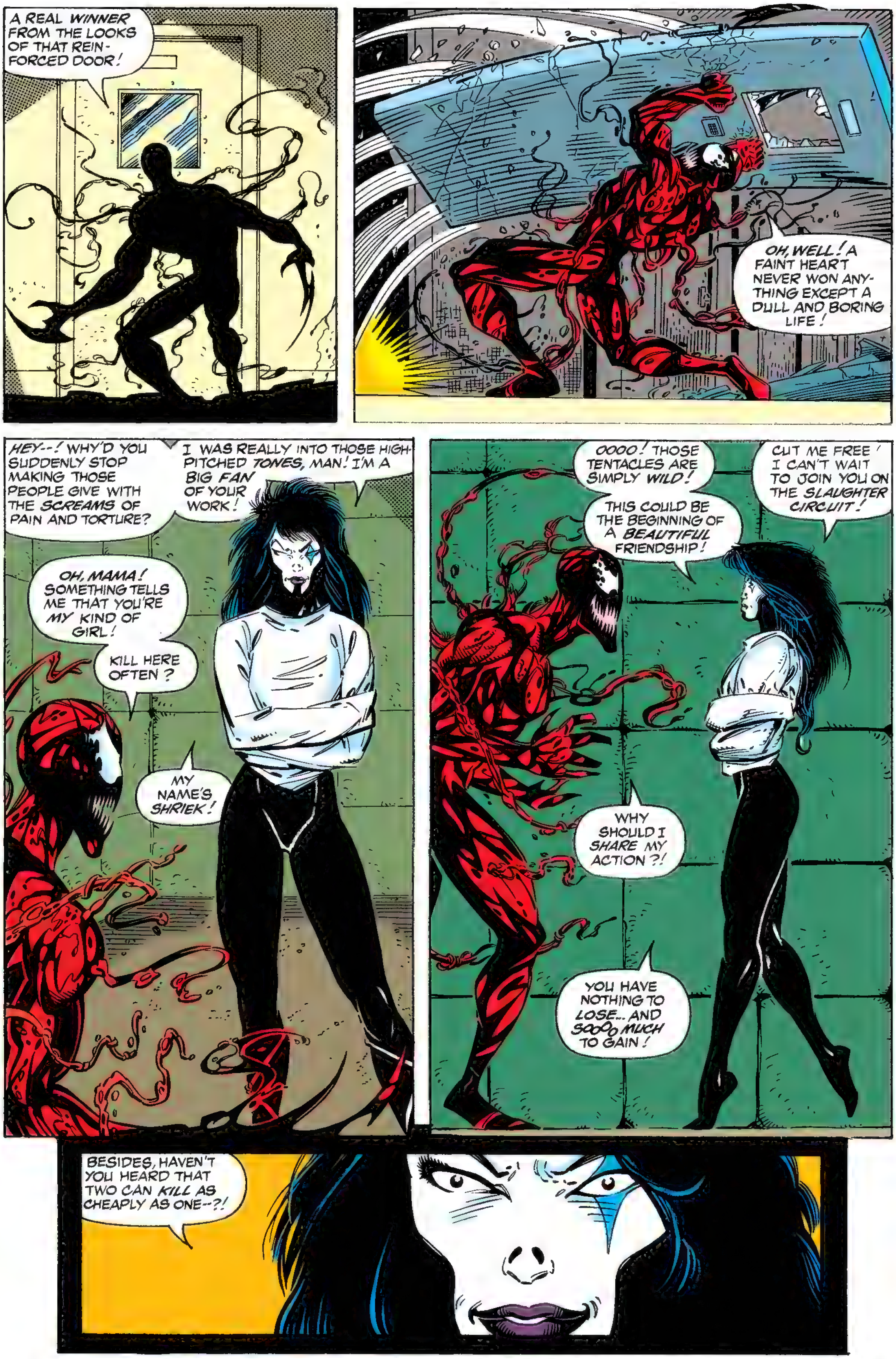

YOU TEST TUBE JOCKIES ARE ALL THE *SAME*!
CAN'T ACCEPT THE *TRUTH* WHEN IT'S SPITTING IN YOUR EYE! THE MONSTER IS FAR *MORE* THAN A WILD PAIR OF LONG JOHNS!
IT'S BECOME A LIVING PART OF *ME*... AND WE WERE MERELY *BIDING* OUR TIME!
HEY, RESNICK--! REMEMBER HOW I SAID I'D GO *EASY* ON YOU?
I LIED!
YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN *BETTER* THAN TO TRUST A *RAVING LUNATIC*!
I AM THE *ULTIMATE INSANITY*!
I AM CARNAGE!
CALL SECURITY--! GET SOME *REINFORCEMENTS* DOWN HERE!
OH, GOODY! I COULD USE A FEW MORE *VICTIMS*!
THESE ARE ALL *USED UP*!
THERE ARE JUST YOU *TWO* DOCTORS LEFT!

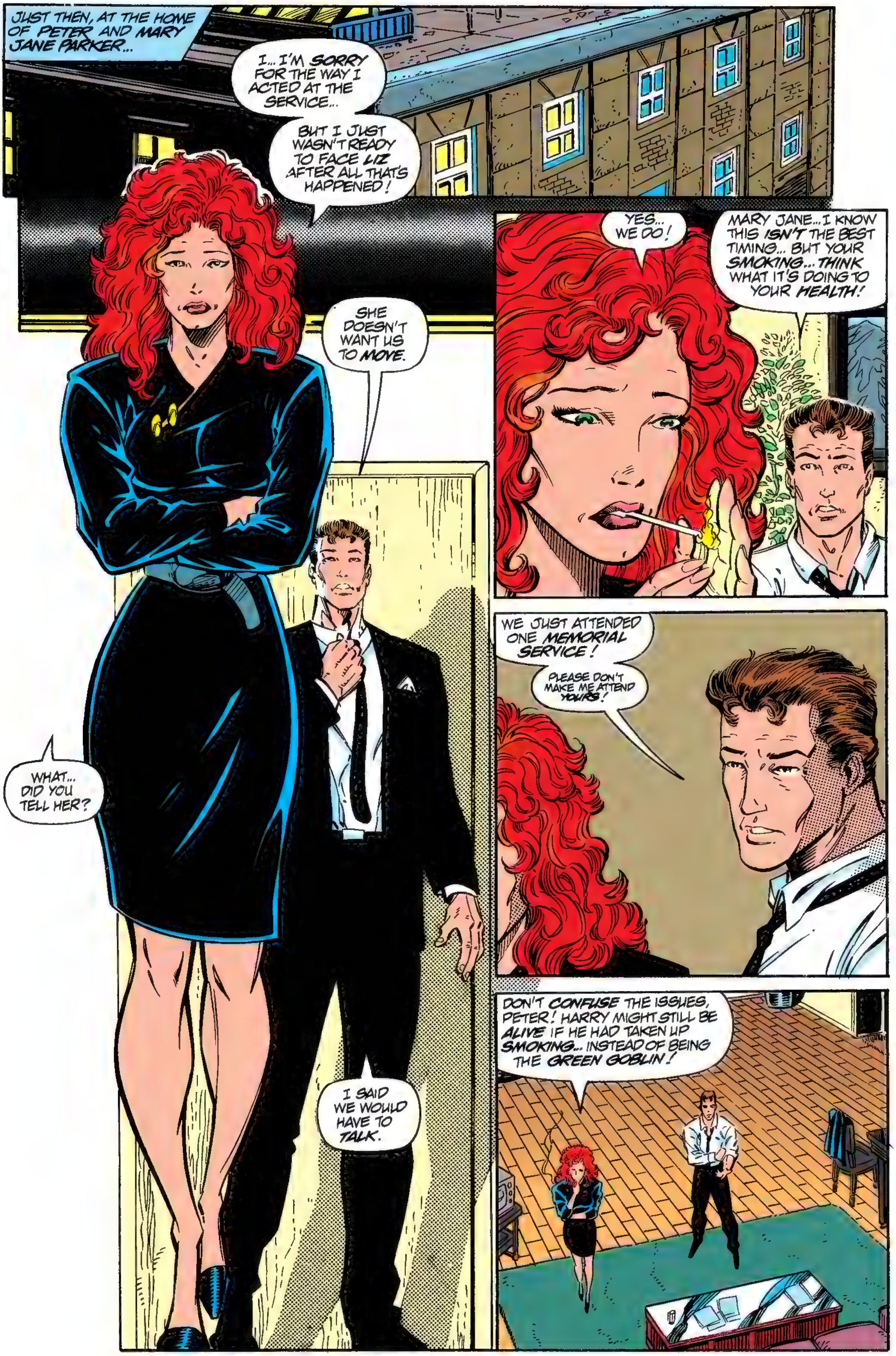

WHOOPS! MAKE THAT ONE--!
ANY LAST WORDS, SWEETIE?
LET ME HELP YOU, MR. KASADY! I'M YOUR ONLY HOPE! I CAN EASE YOUR PAIN!
I'VE DEVOTED MY ENTIRE LIFE TO CURING PEOPLE LIKE YOU... AND RIDDING THE WORLD OF SERIAL KILLERS!
I AM DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR OBVIOUS SINCERITY, DOCTOR POURNELLA! UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR ENTIRE LIFE HAS BEEN A SICK JOKE!
A TOTAL WASTE!
NOT ONLY HAVE YOU IRRESPONSIBLY RELEASED THE WORST SERIAL KILLER OF ALL, BUT I'M GOING TO CELEBRATE MY NEWFOUND FREEDOM--
--BY SLAYING EVERY INHABITANT WITHIN YOUR PRECIOUS INSTITUTE!

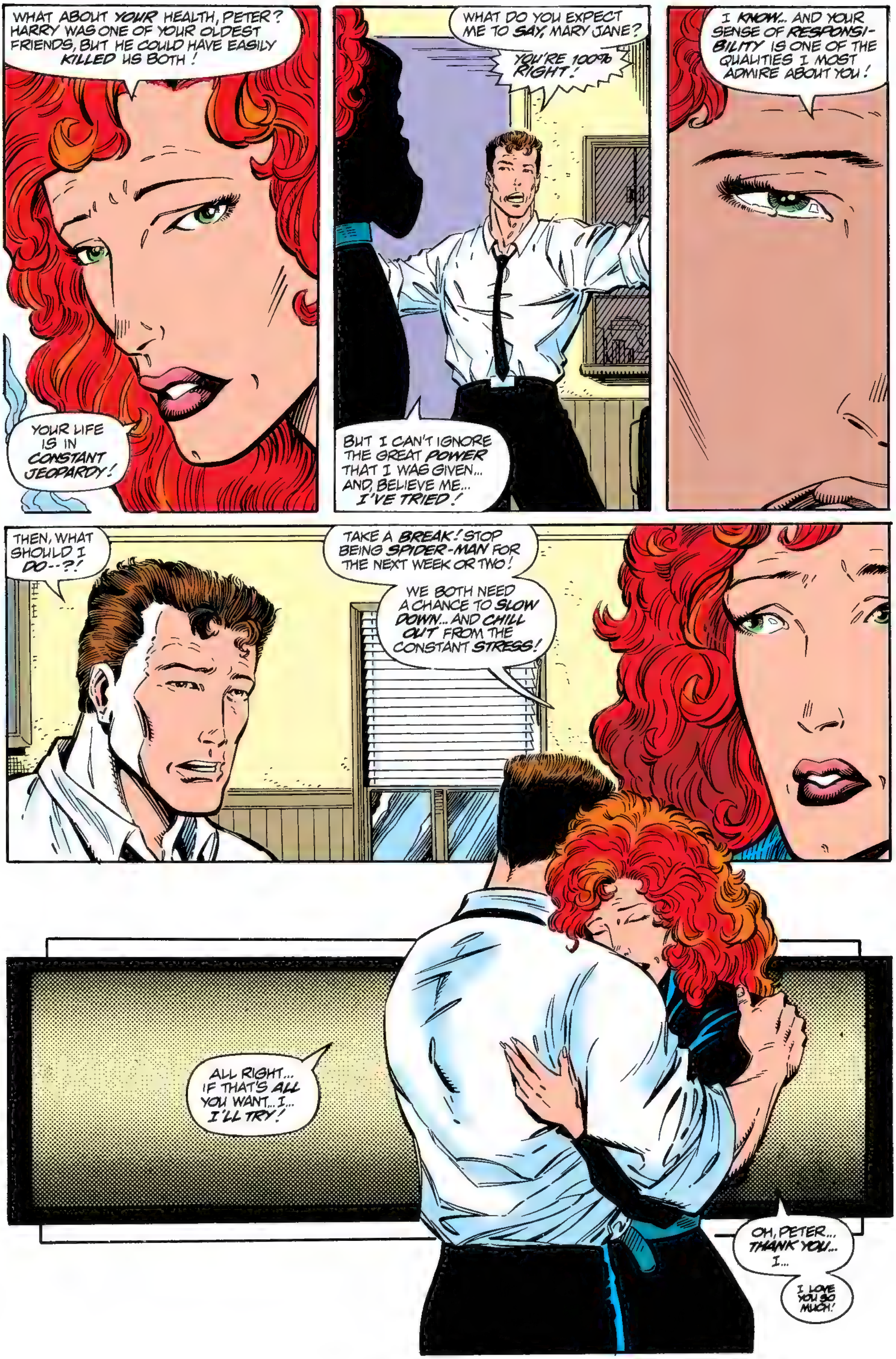

FAMILY! SOMETIMES HAVING A FAMILY CAN BE PURE AGGRAVATION!
BUT THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHEN YOU DESPERATELY NEED YOUR FAMILY, OR WHAT PASSES FOR IT!
OCCASIONS LIKE THE BIRTH OF A CHILD--OR THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF A RECENTLY DEPARTED FRIEND!
I... I ALMOST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HARRY OSBORN IS REALLY GONE!*
YEAH... HE WAS ALWAYS SUCH A WILD MAN! QUICK WITH A LAUGH, AND SO FULL OF LIFE!
* FOR DETAILS SEE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #200. --DANNY
DIDN'T YOU MEET HARRY IN HIGH SCHOOL, FLASH?
COLLEGE, ACTUALLY.
THAT'S FELICA HARDY WITH FLASH THOMPSON! SHE'S THE ONLY ONE HERE--ASIDE FROM MARY JANE--WHO KNOWS THAT I'M SECRETLY SPIDER-MAN!
I CAN FEEL HER EYES BORING INTO THE BACK OF MY HEAD--DEMANDING TO KNOW THE REAL STORY BEHIND HARRY'S DEATH!
HOW CAN I TELL HER--OR ANYONE ELSE--THE TRUTH?!
CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS PITIFUL TURNOUT, ROBERTSON? YOUNG OSBORN MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE MAN HIS FATHER WAS, BUT HE WAS A BUSINESS LEADER IN THIS COMMUNITY!
YOU CAN'T BLAME ANYONE FOR NOT COMING, JONAH! HARRY DIED UNDER THE CLOUD OF BEING THE GREEN GOBLIN!
HARRUMP! IF YOU ASK ME, THAT WEB-SWINGING MENACE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS TRAGEDY, AND I INTEND TO PROVE IT!
IN HIS OWN TWISTED WAY, JOLLY JONAH ISN'T WRONG!
PETER, YOUR PARENTS AND AUNT MAY ARE LEAVING.
I ALWAYS LIKED HARRY! HE WAS SUCH A WELL-MANNERED AND POLITE BOY!
WE DIDN'T KNOW YOUR FRIEND, BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO--!
JUST YOU AND MOM BEING HERE WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH, DAD!]

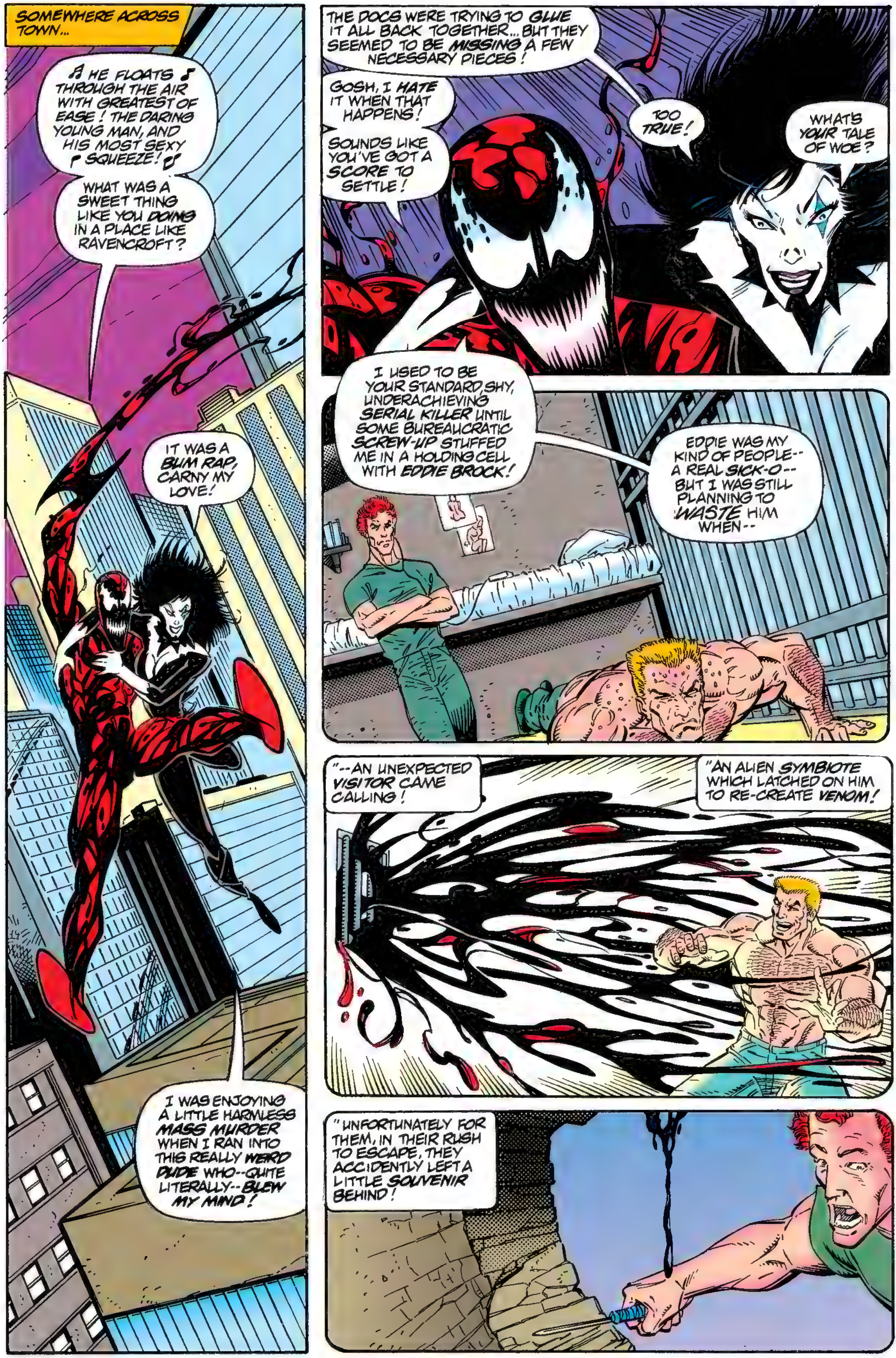

MARY JANE, WE SHOULD PAY OUR RESPECTS TO LIZ.
YOU TALK TO HER. AFTER WHAT HARRY TRIED TO DO... TO YOU... TO US... I... I JUST WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW THEIR SON KEEPS GLARING AT US? IT'S LIKE HE BLAMES US FOR HIS FATHER'S DEATH!
HARRY USED TO BE MY CLOSEST FRIEND, BUT HE BECAME TWISTED!
AS THE GREEN GOBLIN, HE WOULD HAVE GLEEFULLY MURDERED ME!
YET, HE DIED WHILE SAVING MY LIFE!
POOR LIZ IS AN EMOTIONAL WRECK! SHE'S BEEN LEANING VERY HEAVILY ON HER BROTHER... AND THAT MUST BE A WEIRD EXPERIENCE FOR A FORMER CRIMINAL LIKE THE MOLTEN MAN!
LIZ, I...
OH, PETER...
I HOPE YOU KNOW HOW MUCH HARRY TRULY LOVED YOU!
HE ALWAYS SAID HIS HAPPIEST DAYS WERE WHEN YOU TWO WERE ROOMMATES!
I KNOW THAT THINGS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT LATELY... AND THAT YOU AND MARY JANE HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO MOVE FROM THE BUILDING WE ALL SHARED... BUT...
HARRY WOULD HAVE WANTED YOU TO STAY!
WE... WE'LL TALK!
HARRY WAS MY BEST FRIEND... AND MY GREATEST ENEMY!
I WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING TO HELP HIM!
AND YET, I WAS FORCED TO USE ALL MY POWER AGAINST HIM!
HE WAS PRACTICALLY FAMILY!
BUT HE WAS DETERMINED TO DESTROY EVERYONE I LOVED--
--INCLUDING HIMSELF!
FRIENDS, FOES AND FAMILY-- HOW DID THEY EVER MANAGE TO GET SO CONFUSED AND JUMBLED TOGETHER?!

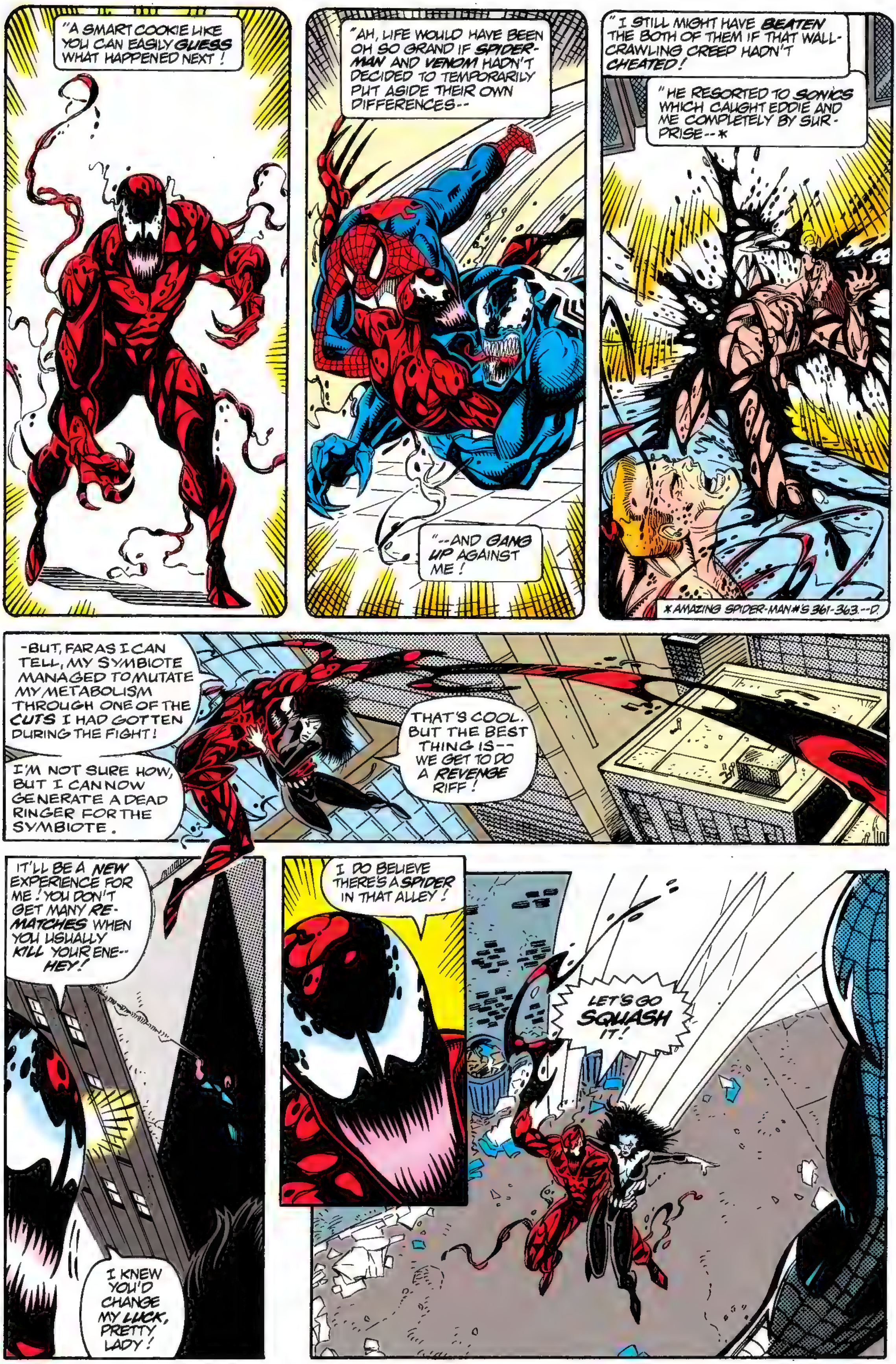

MEANWHILE, BACK AT RAVENCROFT...
C'MON, FELLAS! PUT A LITTLE MORE LIFE INTO IT!
I'M SURE YOU CAN FIGHT BETTER THAN THIS--!
I NEED THE PRACTICE!
I WANT TO BE AT MY BEST FOR MY LONG-AWAITED RE-UNION BOUTS WITH SPIDER-MAN AND VENOM!
I'D REALLY HATE FOR THEM TO THINK I'VE BEEN SLACKING OFF FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS!
THE PRESSURE OF CONSTANTLY PRODUCING FOR ONE'S PEERS IS SIMPLY INCREDIBLE!
THEY'LL BOTH COME AFTER ME AS SOON AS THEY LEARN OF MY ESCAPE!
UNLESS I PLAY IT SMART--
--AND GO AFTER THEM!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT--! KEEP KILLING! MAKE MINE MURDER!
WHAT'S THIS--?! I SEEM TO HAVE ACQUIRED A CHEERING SECTION!
WHAT KIND OF NUTCASE WOULD EGG ME ON?!

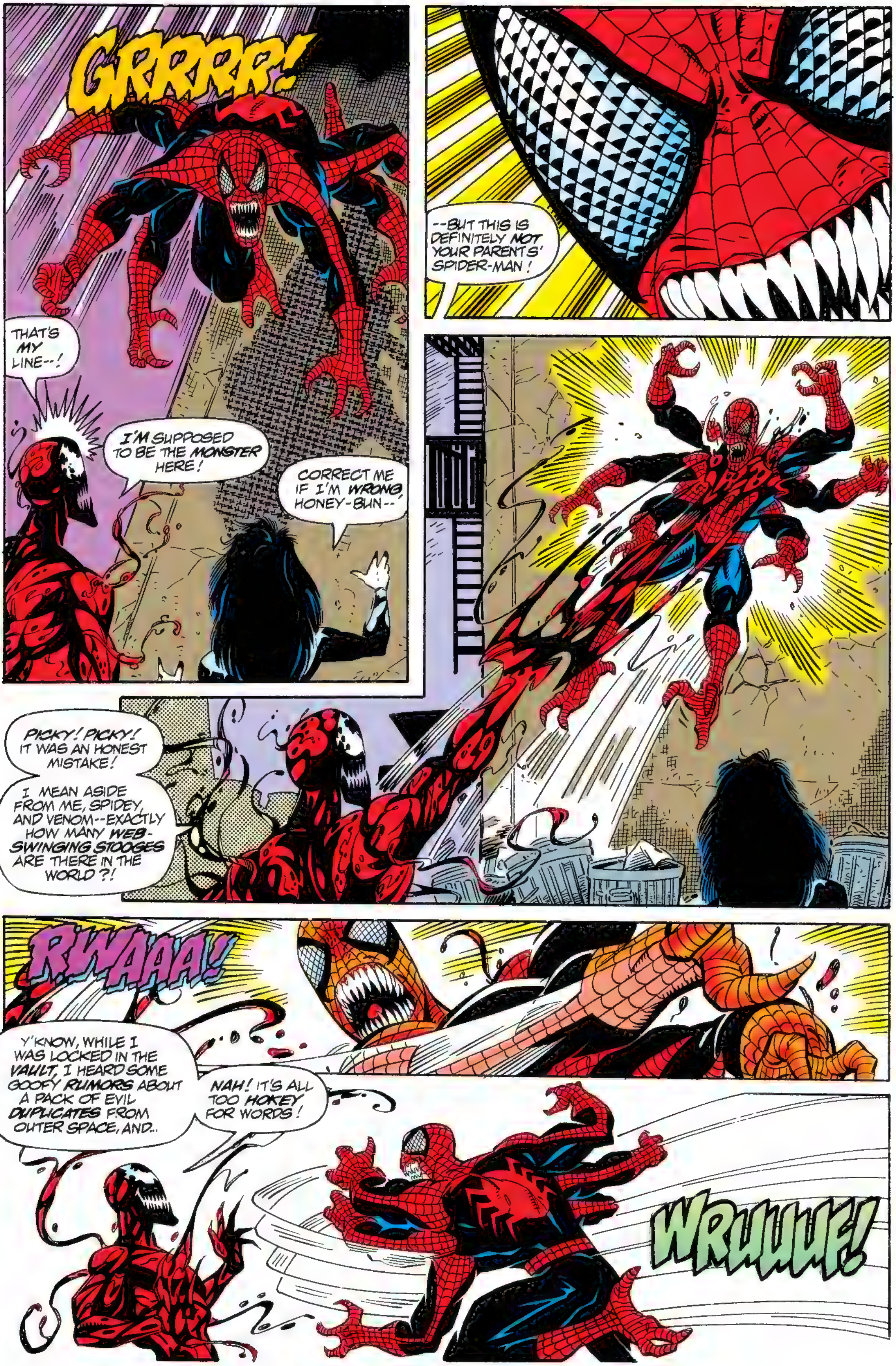

A REAL *WINNER* FROM THE LOOKS OF THAT REIN-FORCED DOOR!
OH, WELL! A FAINT HEART NEVER WON ANY-THING EXCEPT A DULL AND BORING LIFE!
HEY--! WHY'D YOU SUDDENLY STOP MAKING THOSE PEOPLE GIVE WITH THE *SCREAMS* OF PAIN AND TORTURE?
I WAS REALLY INTO THOSE HIGH-PITCHED *TONES*, MAN! I'M A BIG *FAN* OF YOUR WORK!
OH, MAMA! SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT YOU'RE *MY* KIND OF GIRL!
KILL HERE OFTEN?
MY NAME'S *SHRIEK!*
OOOO! THOSE TENTACLES ARE SIMPLY *WILD!*
THIS COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF A *BEAUTIFUL* FRIENDSHIP!
CUT ME FREE! I CAN'T WAIT TO JOIN YOU ON THE *SLAUGHTER CIRCUIT!*
WHY SHOULD I *SHARE* MY ACTION?!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO *LOSE*... AND *SOOOO MUCH* TO GAIN!
BESIDES, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THAT TWO CAN *KILL* AS CHEAPLY AS ONE--?!

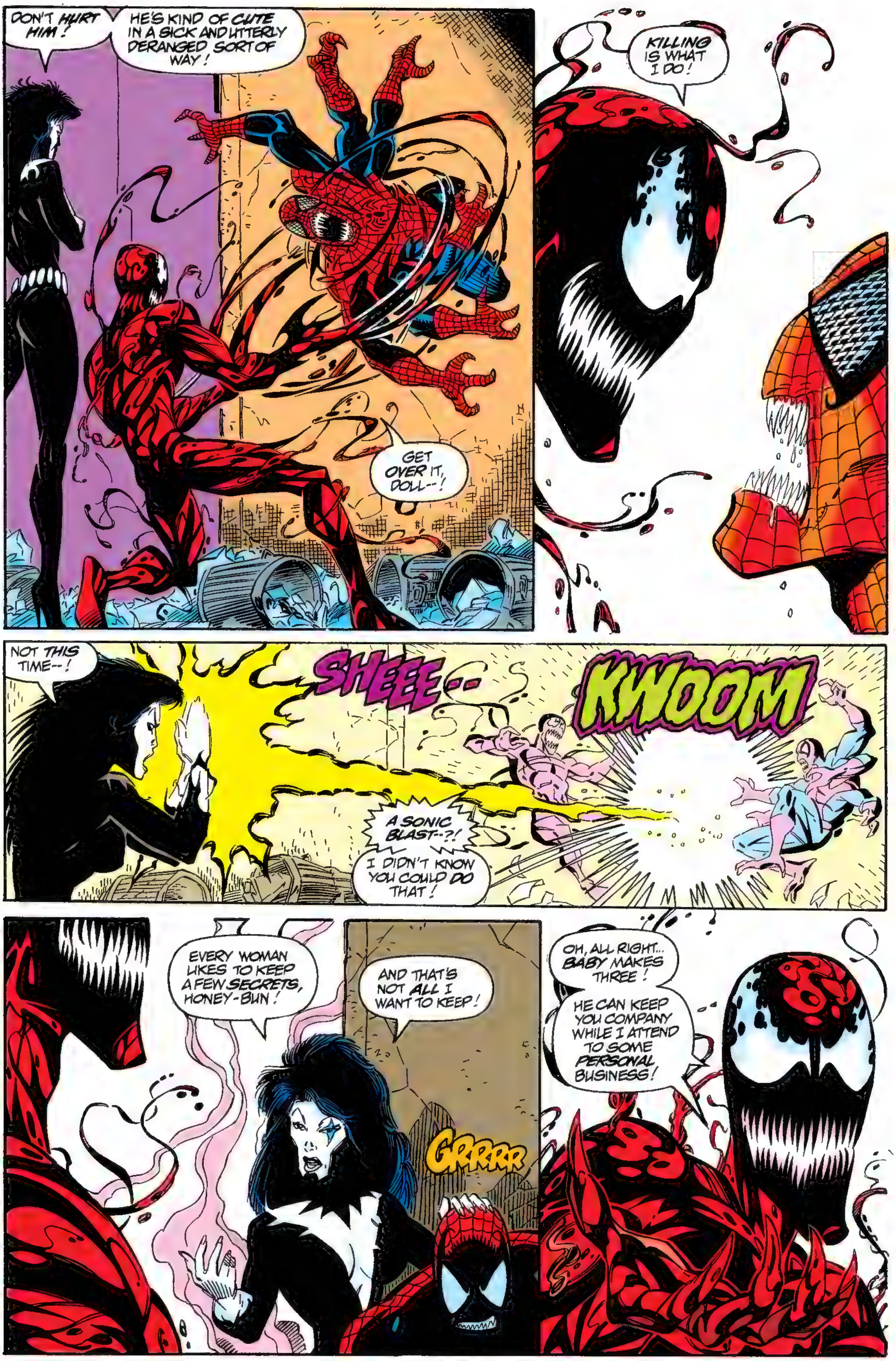

JUST THEN, AT THE HOME OF PETER AND MARY JANE PARKER...
I... I'M SORRY FOR THE WAY I ACTED AT THE SERVICE...
BUT I JUST WASN'T READY TO FACE LIZ AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED!
SHE DOESN'T WANT US TO MOVE.
WHAT... DID YOU TELL HER?
I SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO TALK.
YES... WE DO!
MARY JANE... I KNOW THIS ISN'T THE BEST TIMING... BUT YOUR SMOKING... THINK WHAT IT'S DOING TO YOUR HEALTH!
WE JUST ATTENDED ONE MEMORIAL SERVICE!
PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME ATTEND YOURS!
DON'T CONFUSE THE ISSUES, PETER! HARRY MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE IF HE HAD TAKEN UP SMOKING... INSTEAD OF BEING THE GREEN GOBLIN!

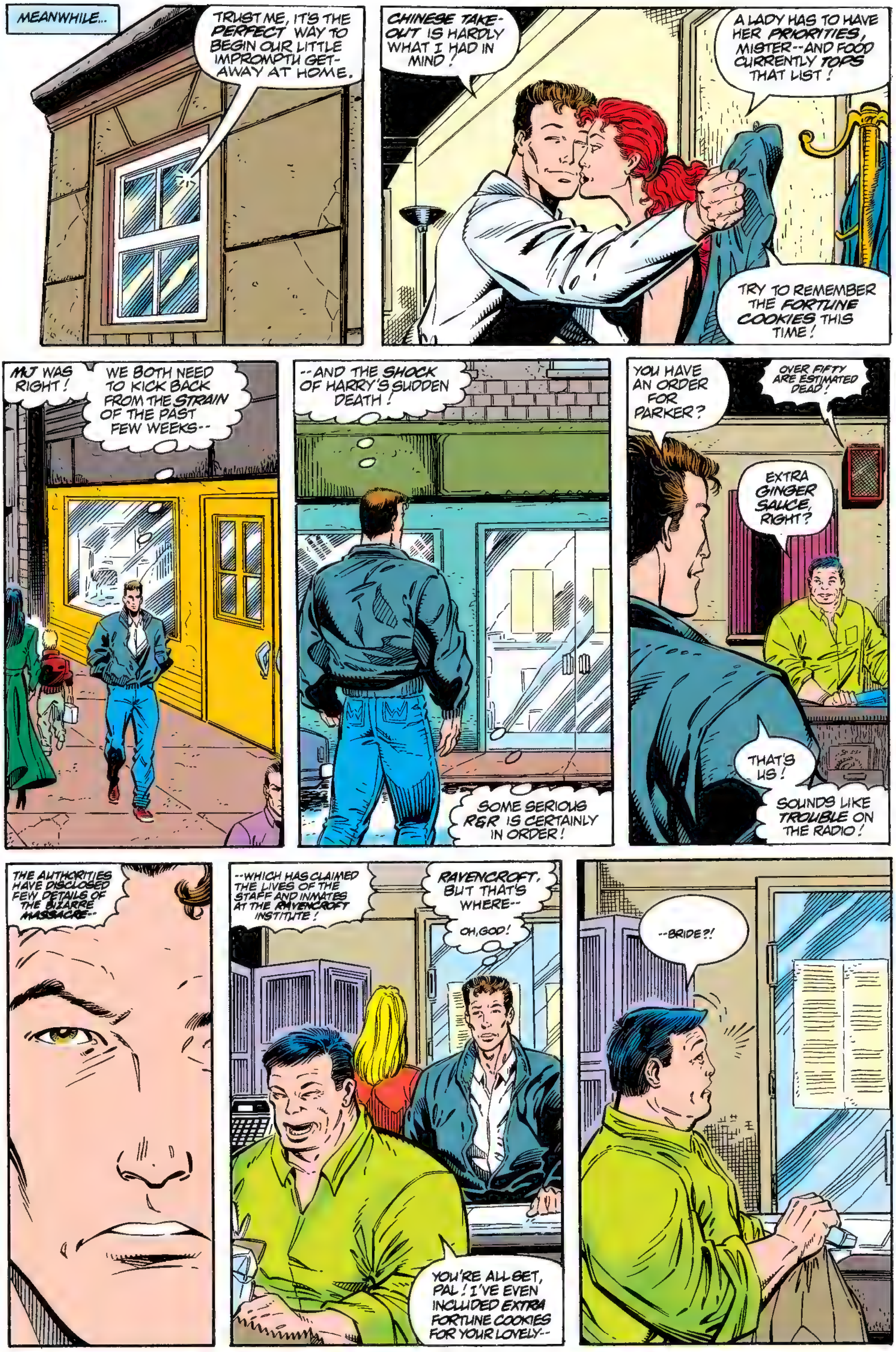

WHAT ABOUT YOUR HEALTH, PETER? HARRY WAS ONE OF YOUR OLDEST FRIENDS, BUT HE COULD HAVE EASILY KILLED US BOTH!
YOUR LIFE IS IN CONSTANT JEOPARDY!
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO SAY, MARY JANE?
YOU'RE 100% RIGHT!
BUT I CAN'T IGNORE THE GREAT POWER THAT I WAS GIVEN... AND, BELIEVE ME... I'VE TRIED!
I KNOW... AND YOUR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IS ONE OF THE QUALITIES I MOST ADMIRE ABOUT YOU!
THEN, WHAT SHOULD I DO--?!
TAKE A BREAK! STOP BEING SPIDER-MAN FOR THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO!
WE BOTH NEED A CHANCE TO SLOW DOWN... AND CHILL OUT FROM THE CONSTANT STRESS!
ALL RIGHT... IF THAT'S ALL YOU WANT... I... I'LL TRY!
OH, PETER... THANK YOU... I...
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

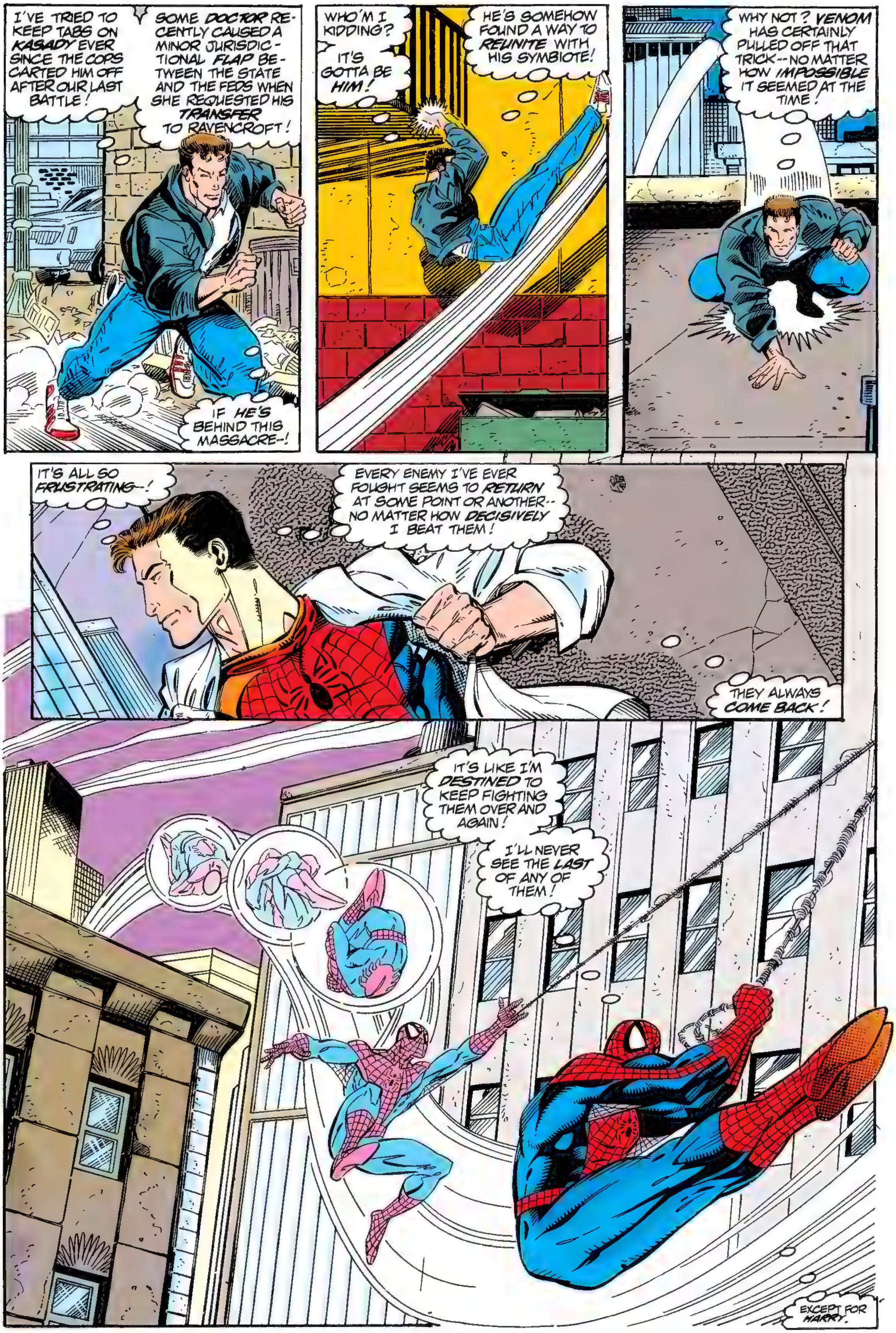

SOMEWHERE ACROSS TOWN...
♫ HE FLOATS THROUGH THE AIR WITH GREATEST OF EASE! THE DARING YOUNG MAN, AND HIS MOST SEXY SQUEEZE! ♫
WHAT WAS A SWEET THING LIKE YOU *DOING* IN A PLACE LIKE RAVENCROFT?
IT WAS A *BUM RAP*, CARNY MY LOVE!
I WAS ENJOYING A LITTLE HARMLESS *MASS MURDER* WHEN I RAN INTO THIS REALLY *WEIRD DUDE* WHO--QUITE LITERALLY--*BLEW MY MIND!*
THE DOCS WERE TRYING TO *GLUE* IT ALL BACK TOGETHER... BUT THEY SEEMED TO BE *MISSING* A FEW NECESSARY PIECES!
GOSH, I *HATE* IT WHEN THAT HAPPENS!
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A *SCORE* TO SETTLE!
TOO *TRUE!*
WHAT'S *YOUR* TALE OF WOE?
I USED TO BE YOUR STANDARD, SHY, UNDERACHIEVING *SERIAL KILLER* UNTIL SOME BUREAUCRATIC *SCREW-UP* STUFFED ME IN A HOLDING CELL WITH *EDDIE BROCK!*
EDDIE WAS MY KIND OF PEOPLE-- A REAL *SICK-O*-- BUT I WAS STILL PLANNING TO *WASTE* HIM WHEN--
"--AN UNEXPECTED *VISITOR* CAME CALLING!
"AN ALIEN *SYMBIOTE* WHICH LATCHED ON HIM TO RE-CREATE *VENOM!*
"UNFORTUNATELY FOR THEM, IN THEIR RUSH TO ESCAPE, THEY ACCIDENTLY LEFT A LITTLE *SOUVENIR* BEHIND!

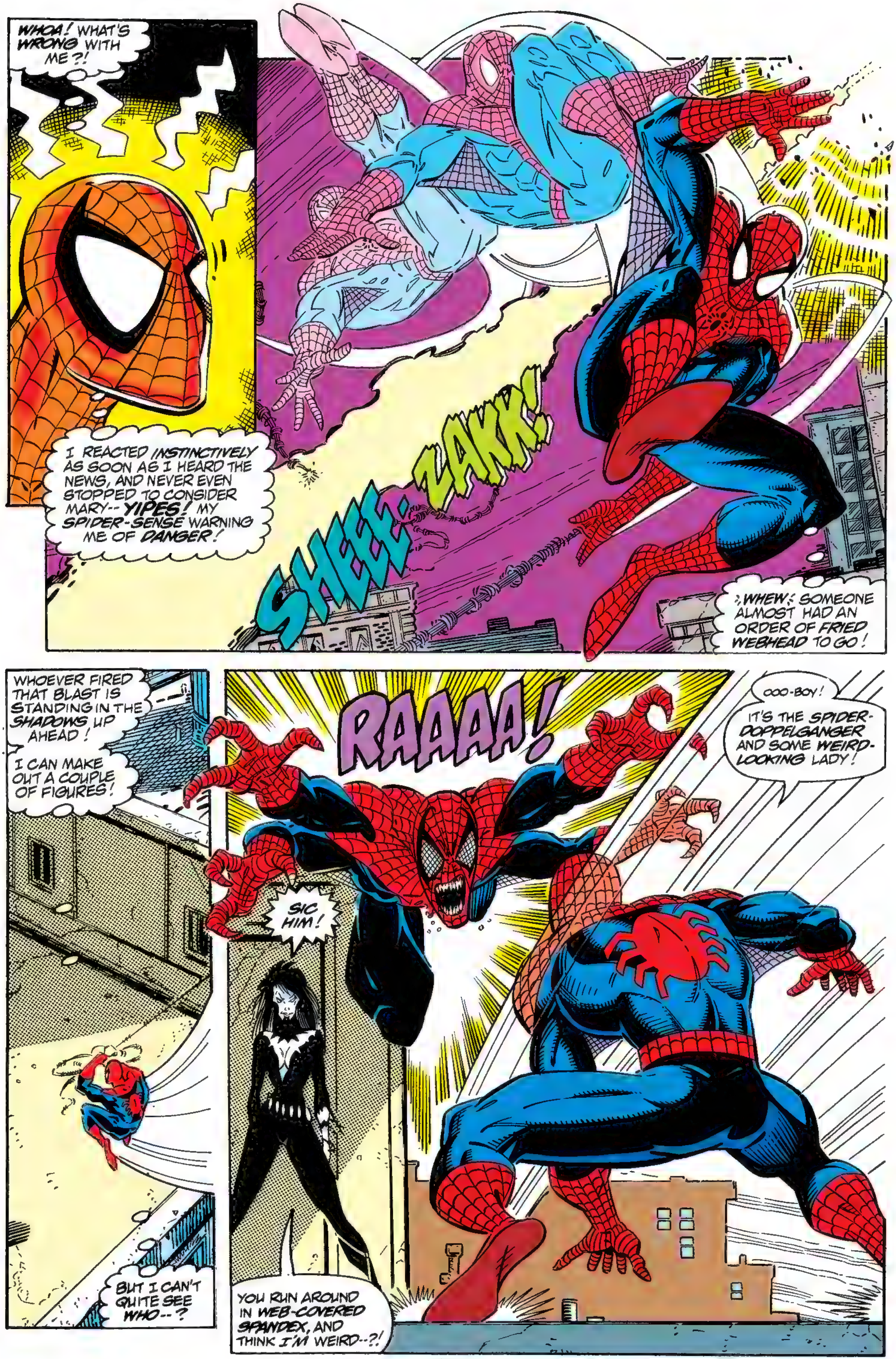

"A SMART COOKIE LIKE YOU CAN EASILY GUESS WHAT HAPPENED NEXT!
"AH, LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN OH SO GRAND IF SPIDER-MAN AND VENOM HADN'T DECIDED TO TEMPORARILY PUT ASIDE THEIR OWN DIFFERENCES--
"--AND GANG UP AGAINST ME!
"I STILL MIGHT HAVE BEATEN THE BOTH OF THEM IF THAT WALL-CRAWLING CREEP HADN'T CHEATED!
"HE RESORTED TO SONICS WHICH CAUGHT EDDIE AND ME COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE--*
*AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #'S 361-363.--D.
-BUT, FAR AS I CAN TELL, MY SYMBIOTE MANAGED TO MUTATE MY METABOLISM THROUGH ONE OF THE CUTS I HAD GOTTEN DURING THE FIGHT!
I'M NOT SURE HOW, BUT I CAN NOW GENERATE A DEAD RINGER FOR THE SYMBIOTE.
THAT'S COOL. BUT THE BEST THING IS-- WE GET TO DO A REVENGE RIFF!
IT'LL BE A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ME! YOU DON'T GET MANY RE-MATCHES WHEN YOU USUALLY KILL YOUR ENE-- HEY!
I KNEW YOU'D CHANGE MY LUCK, PRETTY LADY!
I DO BELIEVE THERE'S A SPIDER IN THAT ALLEY!
LET'S GO SQUASH IT!

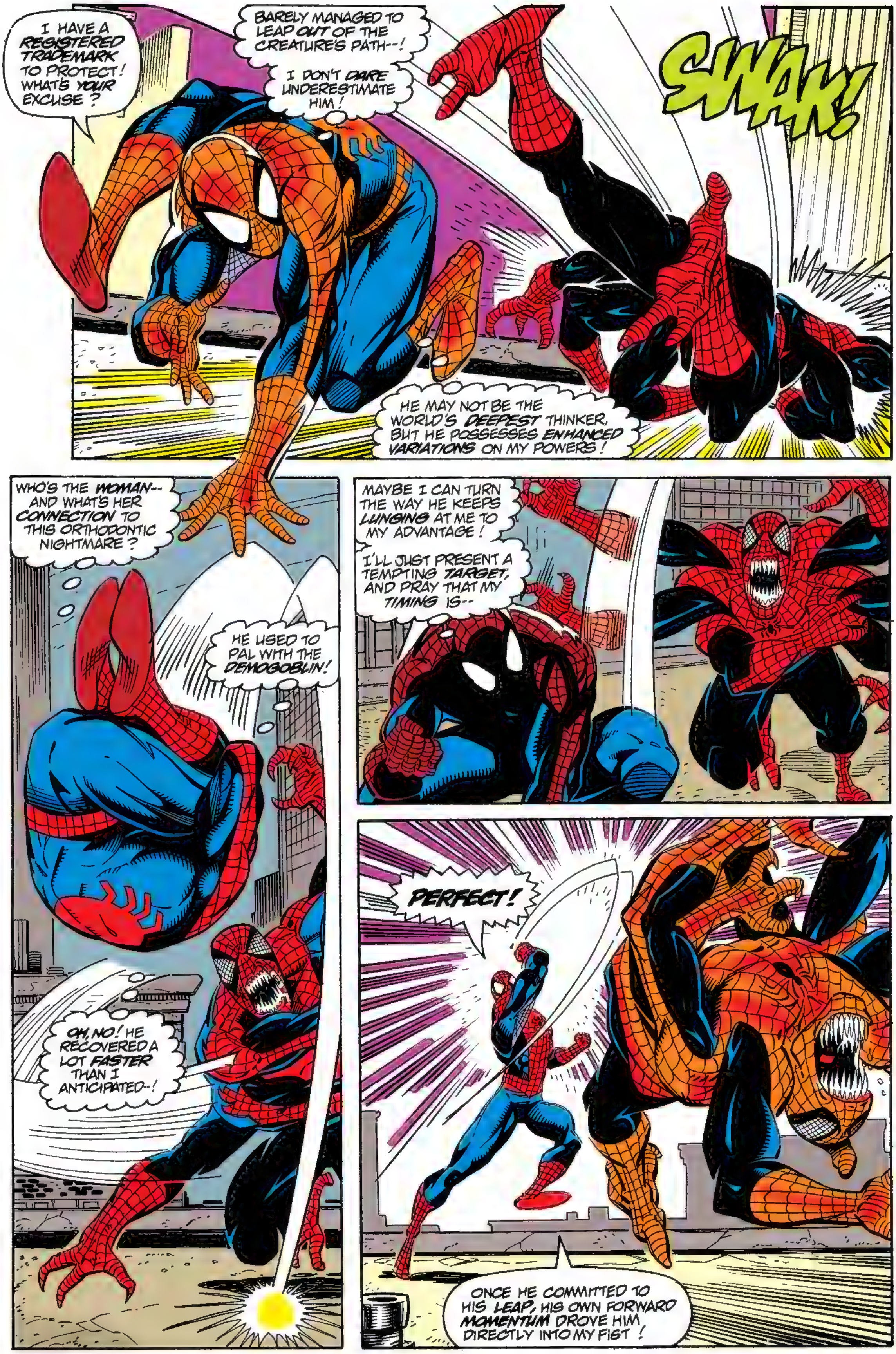

GRRRR!
THAT'S MY LINE--!
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE MONSTER HERE!
CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, HONEY-BUN--
--BUT THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT YOUR PARENTS' SPIDER-MAN!
PICKY! PICKY! IT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE!
I MEAN ASIDE FROM ME, SPIDEY, AND VENOM--EXACTLY HOW MANY WEB-SWINGING STOOGES ARE THERE IN THE WORLD?!
RWAAA!
Y'KNOW, WHILE I WAS LOCKED IN THE VAULT, I HEARD SOME GOOFY RUMORS ABOUT A PACK OF EVIL DUPLICATES FROM OUTER SPACE, AND...
NAH! IT'S ALL TOO HOKEY FOR WORDS!
WRUUUF!

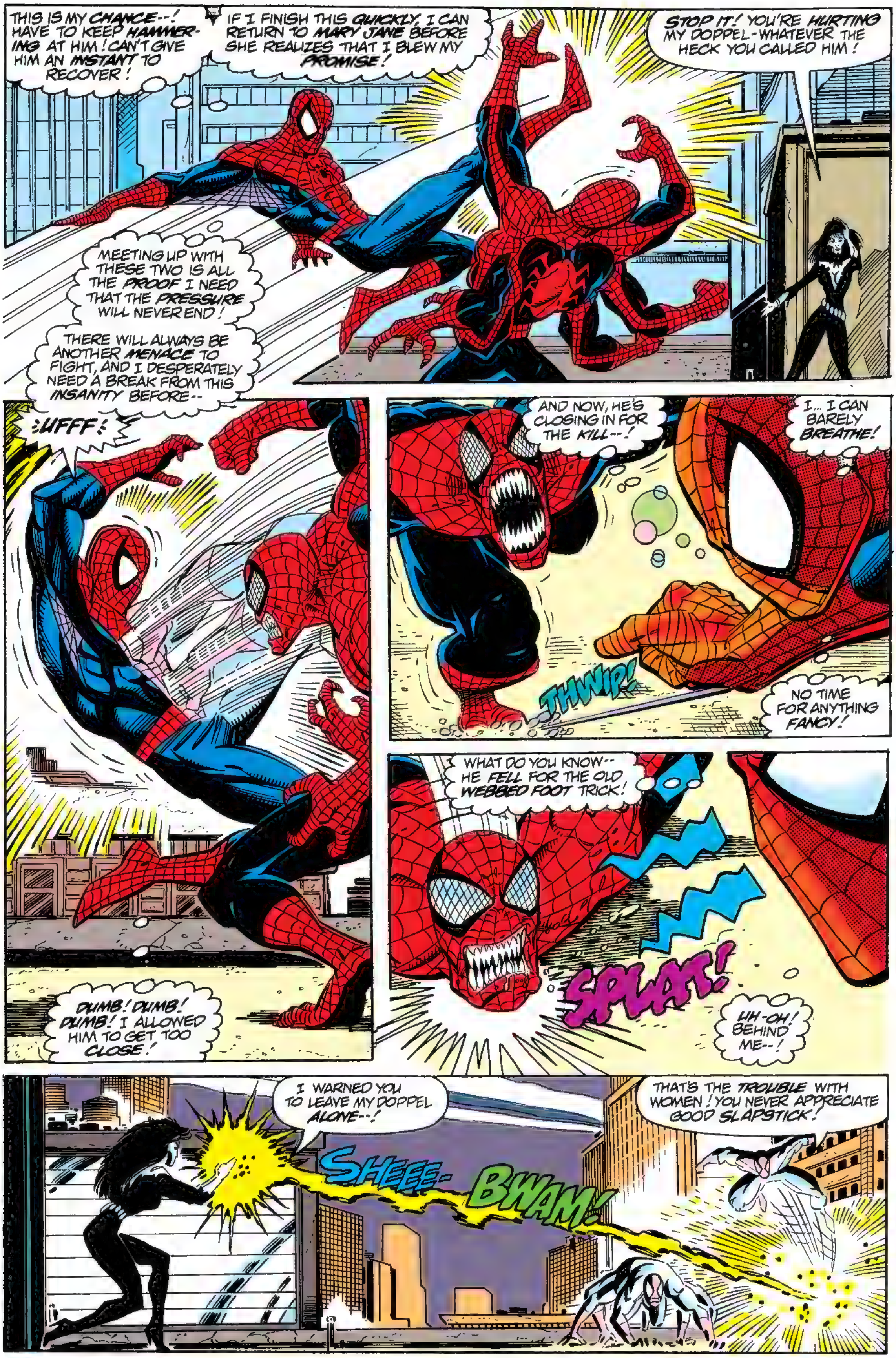

DON'T HURT HIM!
HE'S KIND OF CUTE IN A SICK AND UTTERLY DERANGED SORT OF WAY!
KILLING IS WHAT I DO!
GET OVER IT, DOLL--!
NOT THIS TIME--!
SHEEE--
KWOOM
A SONIC BLAST--?!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO THAT!
EVERY WOMAN LIKES TO KEEP A FEW SECRETS, HONEY-BUN!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL I WANT TO KEEP!
GRRRR
OH, ALL RIGHT... BABY MAKES THREE!
HE CAN KEEP YOU COMPANY WHILE I ATTEND TO SOME PERSONAL BUSINESS!

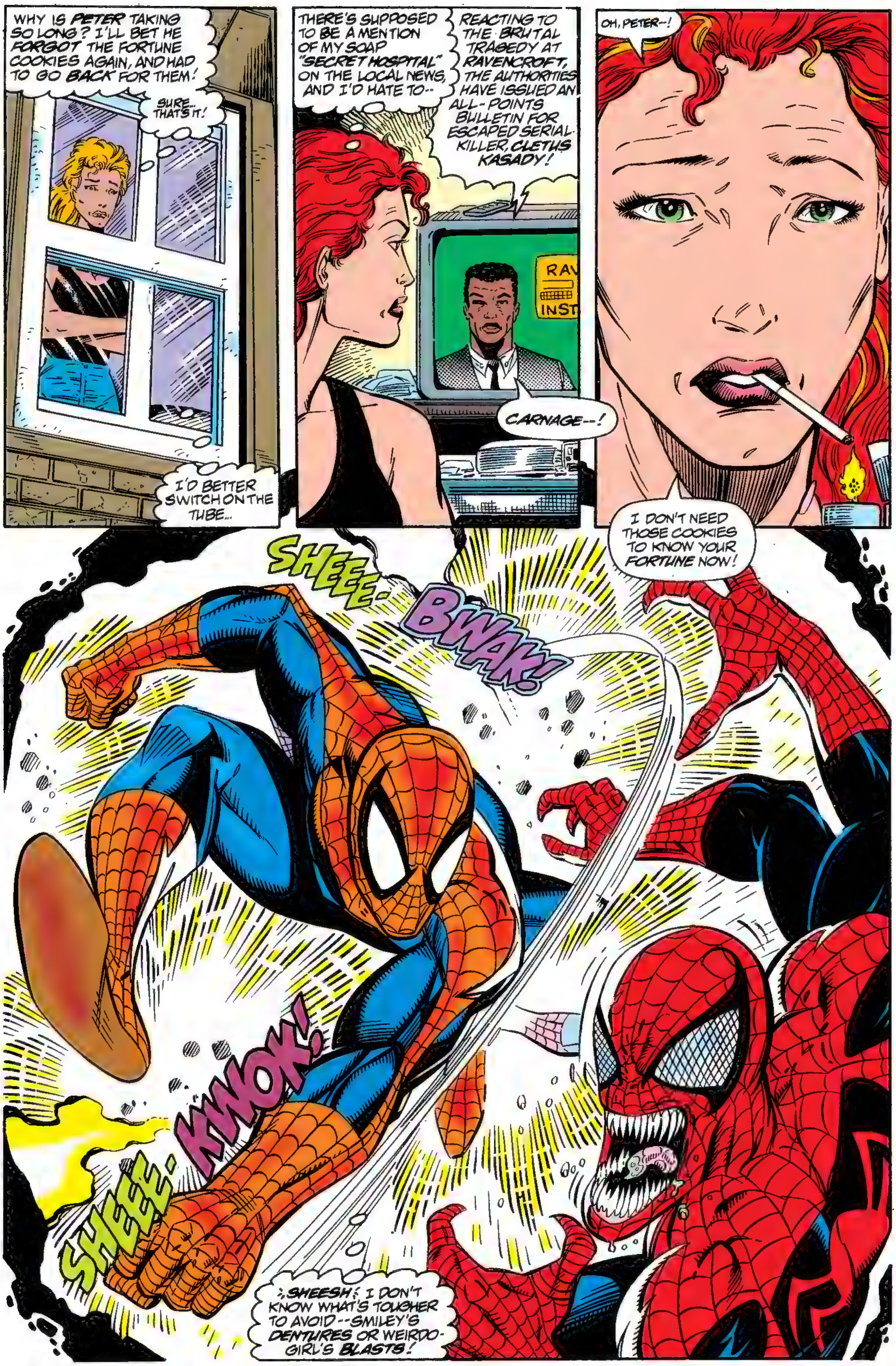

MEANWHILE...
TRUST ME, IT'S THE *PERFECT* WAY TO BEGIN OUR LITTLE IMPROMPTU GET-AWAY AT HOME.
CHINESE TAKE-OUT IS HARDLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
A LADY HAS TO HAVE HER *PRIORITIES*, MISTER--AND FOOD CURRENTLY *TOPS* THAT LIST!
TRY TO REMEMBER THE *FORTUNE COOKIES* THIS TIME!
MJ WAS RIGHT!
WE BOTH NEED TO KICK BACK FROM THE *STRAIN* OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS--
--AND THE *SHOCK* OF HARRY'S SUDDEN DEATH!
SOME SERIOUS *R&R* IS CERTAINLY IN ORDER!
YOU HAVE AN ORDER FOR PARKER?
OVER FIFTY ARE ESTIMATED DEAD!
EXTRA *GINGER SAUCE*, RIGHT?
THAT'S US!
SOUNDS LIKE *TROUBLE* ON THE RADIO!
THE AUTHORITIES HAVE DISCLOSED FEW DETAILS OF THE *BIZARRE MASSACRE*--
--WHICH HAS CLAIMED THE LIVES OF THE STAFF AND INMATES AT THE *RAVENCROFT* INSTITUTE!
RAVENCROFT, BUT THAT'S WHERE--
OH, GOD!
YOU'RE ALL SET, PAL! I'VE EVEN INCLUDED *EXTRA FORTUNE COOKIES* FOR YOUR LOVELY--
--BRIDE?!

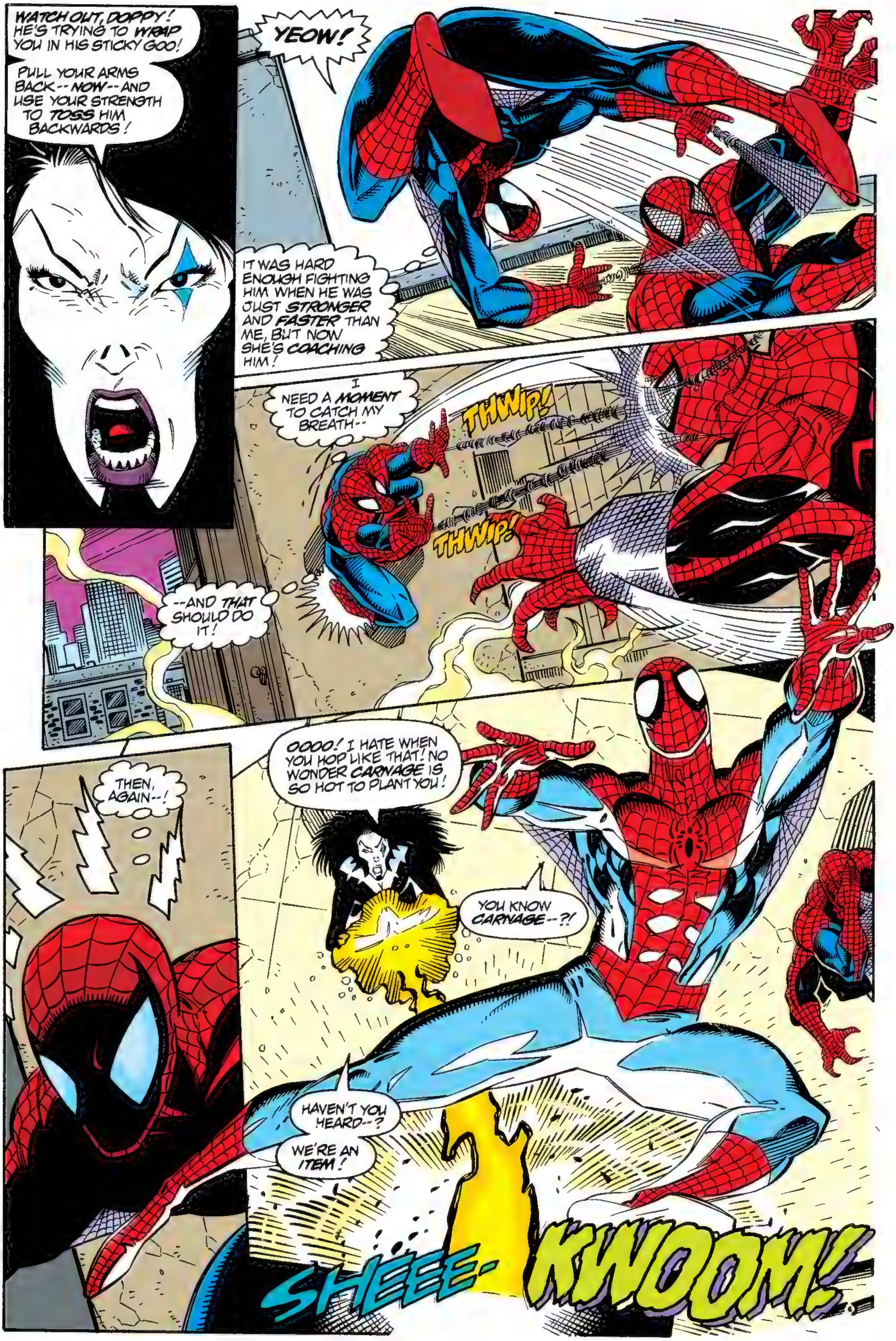

I'VE TRIED TO KEEP TABS ON KASADY EVER SINCE THE COPS CARTED HIM OFF AFTER OUR LAST BATTLE!
SOME DOCTOR RECENTLY CAUSED A MINOR JURISDICTIONAL FLAP BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE FEDS WHEN SHE REQUESTED HIS TRANSFER TO RAVENCROFT!
IF HE'S BEHIND THIS MASSACRE--!
WHO'M I KIDDING?
IT'S GOTTA BE HIM!
HE'S SOMEHOW FOUND A WAY TO REUNITE WITH HIS SYMBIOTE!
WHY NOT? VENOM HAS CERTAINLY PULLED OFF THAT TRICK--NO MATTER HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT SEEMED AT THE TIME!
IT'S ALL SO FRUSTRATING--!
EVERY ENEMY I'VE EVER FOUGHT SEEMS TO RETURN AT SOME POINT OR ANOTHER--NO MATTER HOW DECISIVELY I BEAT THEM!
THEY ALWAYS COME BACK!
IT'S LIKE I'M DESTINED TO KEEP FIGHTING THEM OVER AND AGAIN!
I'LL NEVER SEE THE LAST OF ANY OF THEM!
EXCEPT FOR HARRY.

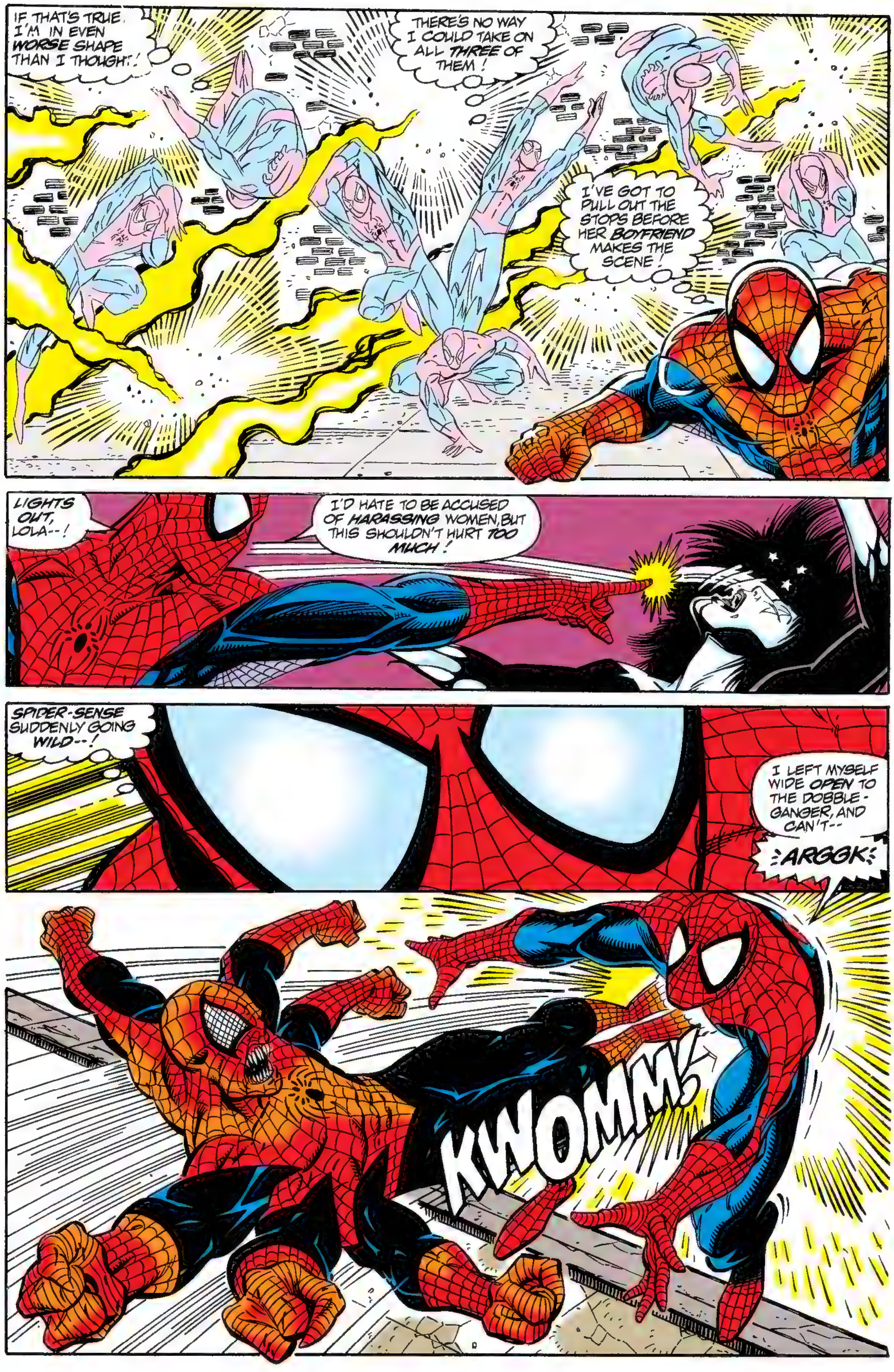

WHOA! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?!
I REACTED INSTINCTIVELY AS SOON AS I HEARD THE NEWS, AND NEVER EVEN STOPPED TO CONSIDER MARY-- YIPES! MY SPIDER-SENSE WARNING ME OF DANGER!
SHEEE-ZAKK!
WHEW! SOMEONE ALMOST HAD AN ORDER OF FRIED WEBHEAD TO GO!
WHOEVER FIRED THAT BLAST IS STANDING IN THE SHADOWS UP AHEAD!
I CAN MAKE OUT A COUPLE OF FIGURES!
BUT I CAN'T QUITE SEE WHO--?
RAAAAA!
SIC HIM!
OOO-BOY!
IT'S THE SPIDER-DOPPELGANGER AND SOME WEIRD-LOOKING LADY!
YOU RUN AROUND IN WEB-COVERED SPANDEX, AND THINK I'M WEIRD--?!

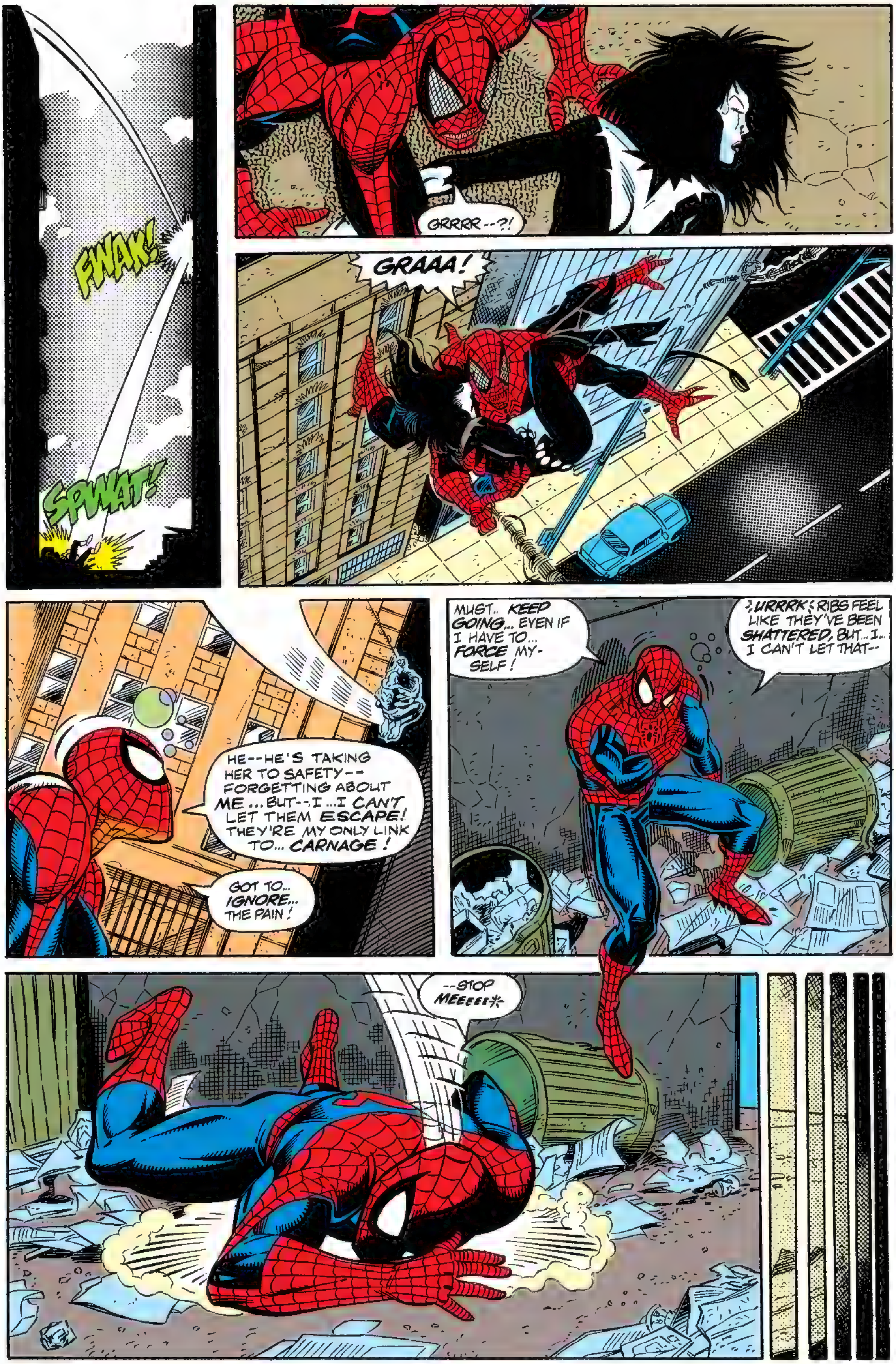

I HAVE A REGISTERED TRADEMARK TO PROTECT! WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?
BARELY MANAGED TO LEAP OUT OF THE CREATURE'S PATH--!
I DON'T DARE UNDERESTIMATE HIM!
SWAK!
HE MAY NOT BE THE WORLD'S DEEPEST THINKER, BUT HE POSSESSES ENHANCED VARIATIONS ON MY POWERS!
WHO'S THE WOMAN-- AND WHAT'S HER CONNECTION TO THIS ORTHODONTIC NIGHTMARE?
HE USED TO PAL WITH THE DEMOGOBLIN!
OH, NO! HE RECOVERED A LOT FASTER THAN I ANTICIPATED--!
MAYBE I CAN TURN THE WAY HE KEEPS LUNGING AT ME TO MY ADVANTAGE!
I'LL JUST PRESENT A TEMPTING TARGET, AND PRAY THAT MY TIMING IS--
PERFECT!
ONCE HE COMMITTED TO HIS LEAP, HIS OWN FORWARD MOMENTUM DROVE HIM DIRECTLY INTO MY FIST!

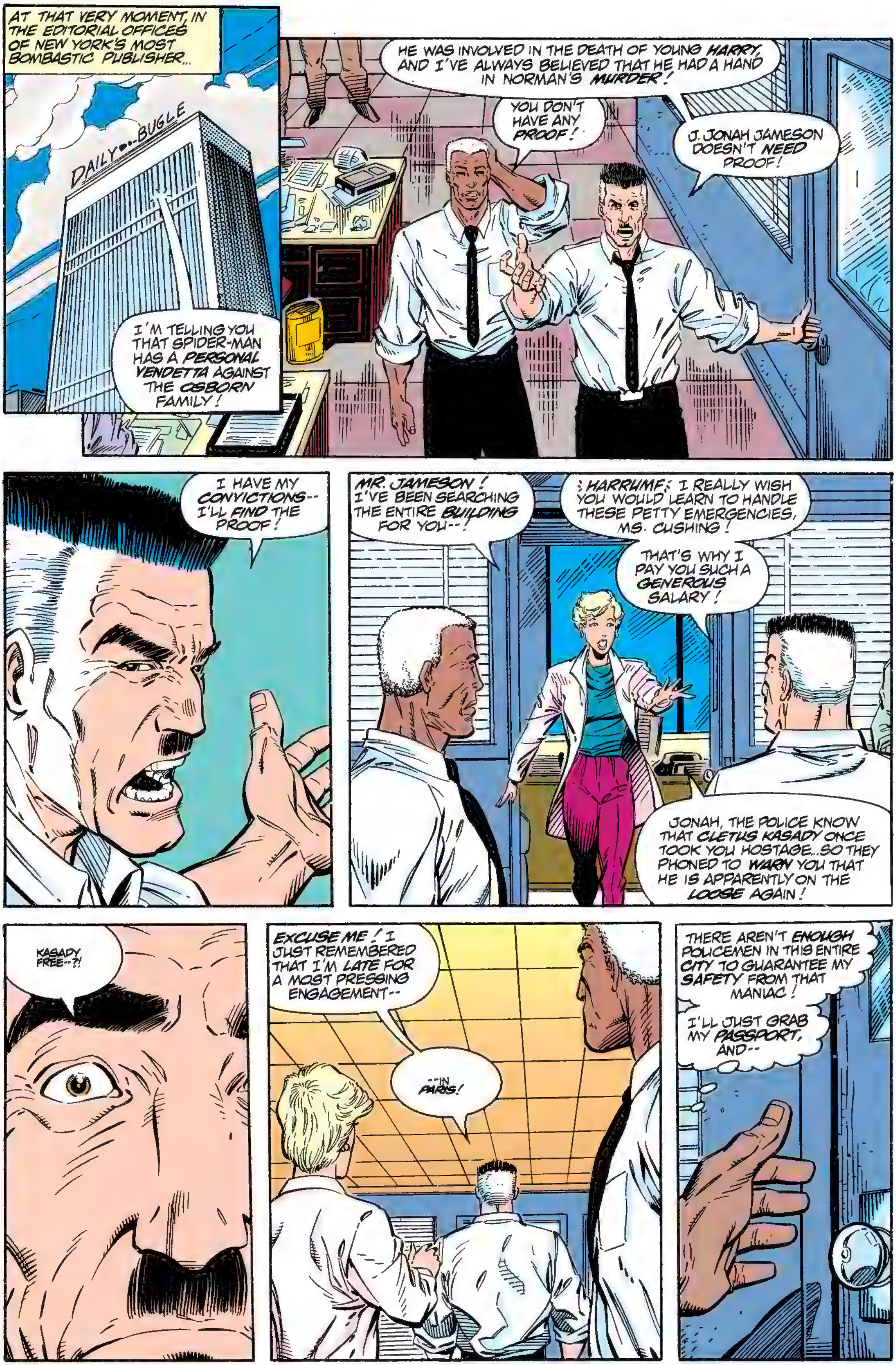

THIS IS MY CHANCE--! HAVE TO KEEP HAMMERING AT HIM! CAN'T GIVE HIM AN INSTANT TO RECOVER!
IF I FINISH THIS QUICKLY, I CAN RETURN TO MARY JANE BEFORE SHE REALIZES THAT I BLEW MY PROMISE!
STOP IT! YOU'RE HURTING MY DOPPEL-WHATEVER THE HECK YOU CALLED HIM!
MEETING UP WITH THESE TWO IS ALL THE PROOF I NEED THAT THE PRESSURE WILL NEVER END!
THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ANOTHER MENACE TO FIGHT, AND I DESPERATELY NEED A BREAK FROM THIS INSANITY BEFORE--
UFFF!
DUMB! DUMB! DUMB! I ALLOWED HIM TO GET TOO CLOSE!
AND NOW, HE'S CLOSING IN FOR THE KILL--!
I... I CAN BARELY BREATHE!
THWIP!
NO TIME FOR ANYTHING FANCY!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW-- HE FELL FOR THE OLD WEBBED FOOT TRICK!
SPLAT!
UH-OH! BEHIND ME--!
I WARNED YOU TO LEAVE MY DOPPEL ALONE--!
SHEEE-BWAM!
THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH WOMEN! YOU NEVER APPRECIATE GOOD SLAPSTICK!

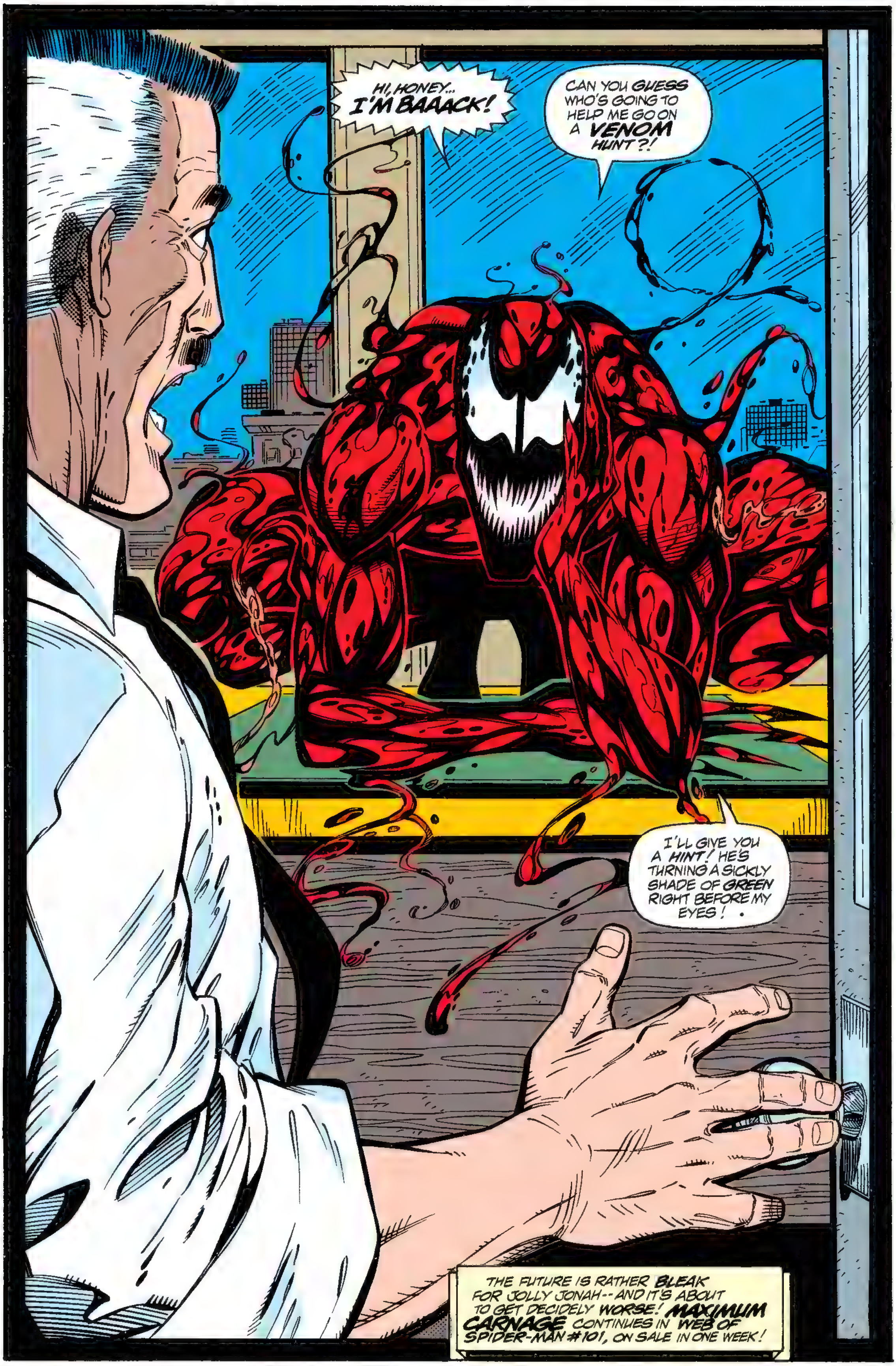

WHY IS PETER TAKING SO LONG? I'LL BET HE FORGOT THE FORTUNE COOKIES AGAIN, AND HAD TO GO BACK FOR THEM!
SURE... THAT'S IT!
I'D BETTER SWITCH ON THE TUBE...
THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A MENTION OF MY SOAP "SECRET HOSPITAL" ON THE LOCAL NEWS, AND I'D HATE TO--
REACTING TO THE BRUTAL TRAGEDY AT RAVENCROFT, THE AUTHORITIES HAVE ISSUED AN ALL-POINTS BULLETIN FOR ESCAPED SERIAL KILLER, CLETUS KASADY!
RAV
INST
CARNAGE--!
OH, PETER--!
I DON'T NEED THOSE COOKIES TO KNOW YOUR FORTUNE NOW!
SHEEE-
BWAK!
SHEEE-
KWOK!
;SHEESH; I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S TOUGHER TO AVOID--SMILEY'S DENTURES OR WEIRDO-GIRL'S BLASTS!

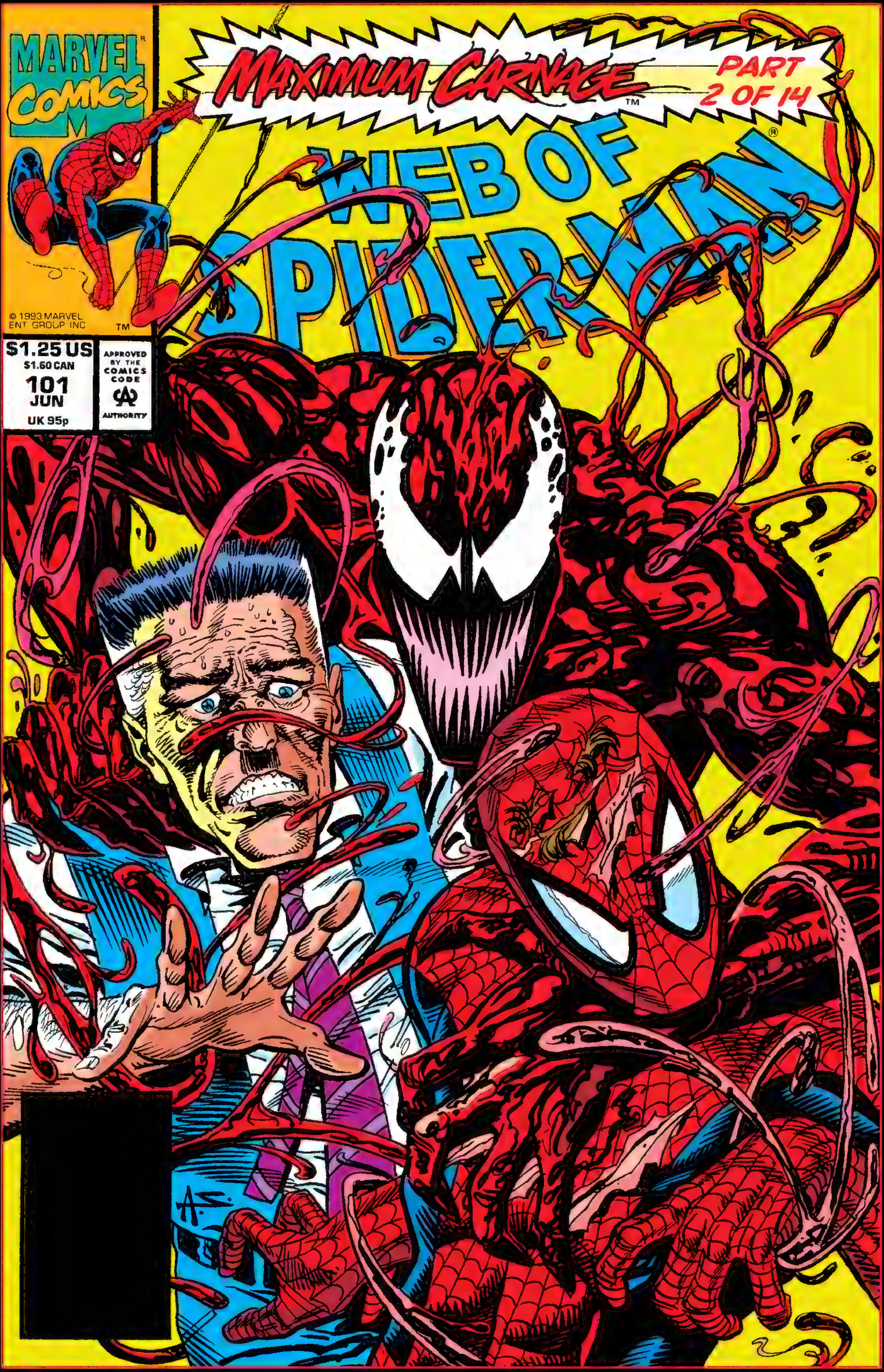

WATCH OUT, DOPPY! HE'S TRYING TO WRAP YOU IN HIS STICKY GOO!
PULL YOUR ARMS BACK--NOW--AND USE YOUR STRENGTH TO TOSS HIM BACKWARDS!
YEOW!
IT WAS HARD ENOUGH FIGHTING HIM WHEN HE WAS JUST STRONGER AND FASTER THAN ME, BUT NOW SHE'S COACHING HIM!
I NEED A MOMENT TO CATCH MY BREATH--
THWIP!
THWIP!
--AND THAT SHOULD DO IT!
THEN, AGAIN--!
OOOO! I HATE WHEN YOU HOP LIKE THAT! NO WONDER CARNAGE IS SO HOT TO PLANT YOU!
YOU KNOW CARNAGE--?!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD--?
WE'RE AN ITEM!
SHEEE-KWOOM!


IF THAT'S TRUE, I'M IN EVEN WORSE SHAPE THAN I THOUGHT!
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD TAKE ON ALL THREE OF THEM!
I'VE GOT TO PULL OUT THE STOPS BEFORE HER BOYFRIEND MAKES THE SCENE!
LIGHTS OUT, LOLA--!
I'D HATE TO BE ACCUSED OF HARASSING WOMEN, BUT THIS SHOULDN'T HURT TOO MUCH!
SPIDER-SENSE SUDDENLY GOING WILD--!
I LEFT MYSELF WIDE OPEN TO THE DOBBLE-GANGER, AND CAN'T--
ARGGK
KWOMM!


FWAK!
SPWAT!
GRRRR--?!
GRAAA!
HE--HE'S TAKING HER TO SAFETY--FORGETTING ABOUT ME... BUT--I...I CAN'T LET THEM ESCAPE! THEY'RE MY ONLY LINK TO... CARNAGE!
GOT TO... IGNORE... THE PAIN!
MUST.. KEEP GOING... EVEN IF I HAVE TO... FORCE MYSELF!
URRRK! RIBS FEEL LIKE THEY'VE BEEN SHATTERED. BUT... I... I CAN'T LET THAT--
--STOP MEEEEE*


AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE EDITORIAL OFFICES OF NEW YORK'S MOST BOMBASTIC PUBLISHER...
DAILY BUGLE
I'M TELLING YOU THAT SPIDER-MAN HAS A PERSONAL VENDETTA AGAINST THE OSBORN FAMILY!
HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF YOUNG HARRY, AND I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT HE HAD A HAND IN NORMAN'S MURDER!
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF!
J. JONAH JAMESON DOESN'T NEED PROOF!
I HAVE MY CONVICTIONS-- I'LL FIND THE PROOF!
MR. JAMESON! I'VE BEEN SEARCHING THE ENTIRE BUILDING FOR YOU--!
HARRUMF! I REALLY WISH YOU WOULD LEARN TO HANDLE THESE PETTY EMERGENCIES, MS. CUSHING!
THAT'S WHY I PAY YOU SUCH A GENEROUS SALARY!
JONAH, THE POLICE KNOW THAT CLETUS KASADY ONCE TOOK YOU HOSTAGE...SO THEY PHONED TO WARN YOU THAT HE IS APPARENTLY ON THE LOOSE AGAIN!
KASADY FREE--?!
EXCUSE ME! I JUST REMEMBERED THAT I'M LATE FOR A MOST PRESSING ENGAGEMENT--
--IN PARIS!
THERE AREN'T ENOUGH POLICEMEN IN THIS ENTIRE CITY TO GUARANTEE MY SAFETY FROM THAT MANIAC!
I'LL JUST GRAB MY PASSPORT, AND--


HI, HONEY... I'M BAAACK!
CAN YOU GUESS WHO'S GOING TO HELP ME GO ON A VENOM HUNT?!
I'LL GIVE YOU A HINT! HE'S TURNING A SICKLY SHADE OF GREEN RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!
THE FUTURE IS RATHER BLEAK FOR JOLLY JONAH-- AND IT'S ABOUT TO GET DECIDEDLY WORSE! MAXIMUM CARNAGE CONTINUES IN WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #101, ON SALE IN ONE WEEK!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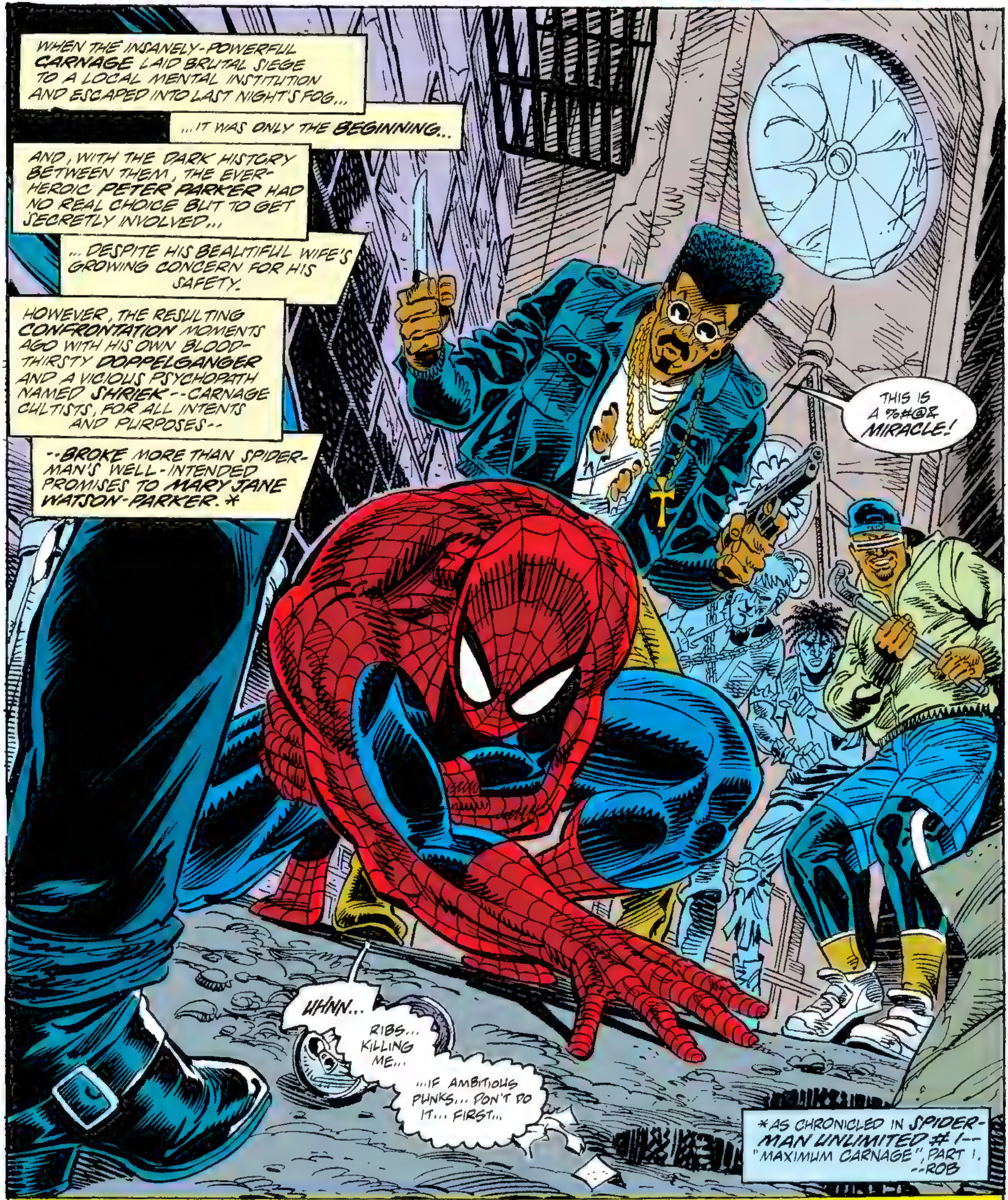
WHEN THE INSANELY-POWERFUL CARNAGE LAID BRUTAL SIEGE TO A LOCAL MENTAL INSTITUTION AND ESCAPED INTO LAST NIGHT'S FOG...
...IT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING...
AND, WITH THE DARK HISTORY BETWEEN THEM, THE EVER-HEROIC PETER PARKER HAD NO REAL CHOICE BUT TO GET SECRETLY INVOLVED...
...DESPITE HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE'S GROWING CONCERN FOR HIS SAFETY.
HOWEVER, THE RESULTING CONFRONTATION MOMENTS AGO WITH HIS OWN BLOOD-THIRSTY DOPPELGANGER AND A VICIOUS PSYCHOPATH NAMED SHRIEK--CARNAGE CULTISTS, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES--
--BROKE MORE THAN SPIDER-MAN'S WELL-INTENDED PROMISES TO MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER.*
THIS IS A %#@& MIRACLE!
UHNN...
RIBS... KILLING ME...
...IF AMBITIOUS PUNKS... DON'T DO IT... FIRST...
*AS CHRONICLED IN SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #1--"MAXIMUM CARNAGE", PART 1. --ROB

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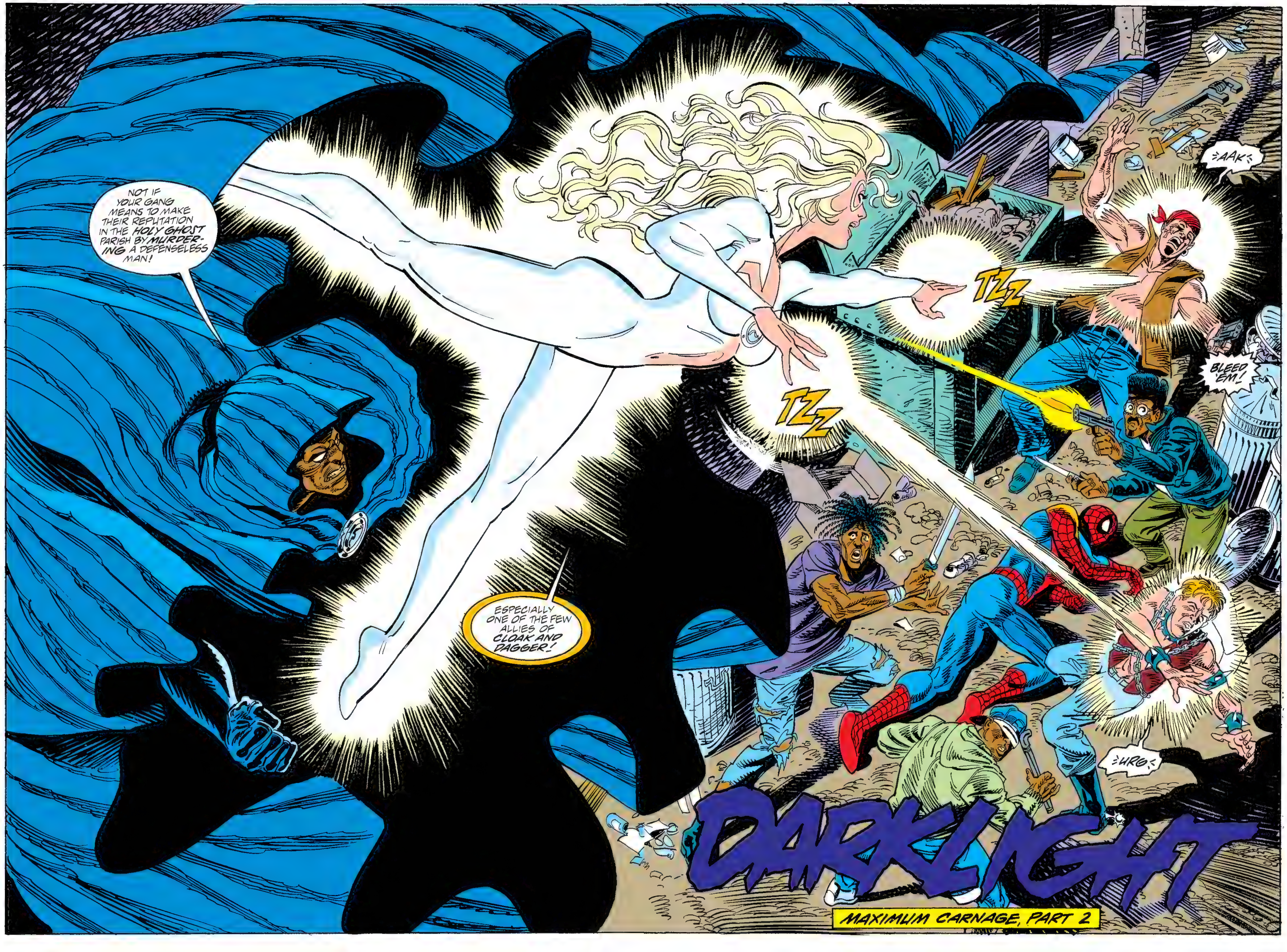
NOT IF YOUR GANG MEANS TO MAKE THEIR REPUTATION IN THE HOLY GHOST PARISH BY MURDERING A DEFENSELESS MAN!
ESPECIALLY ONE OF THE FEW ALLIES OF CLOAK AND DAGGER!
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BLEED 'EM!
TZZ
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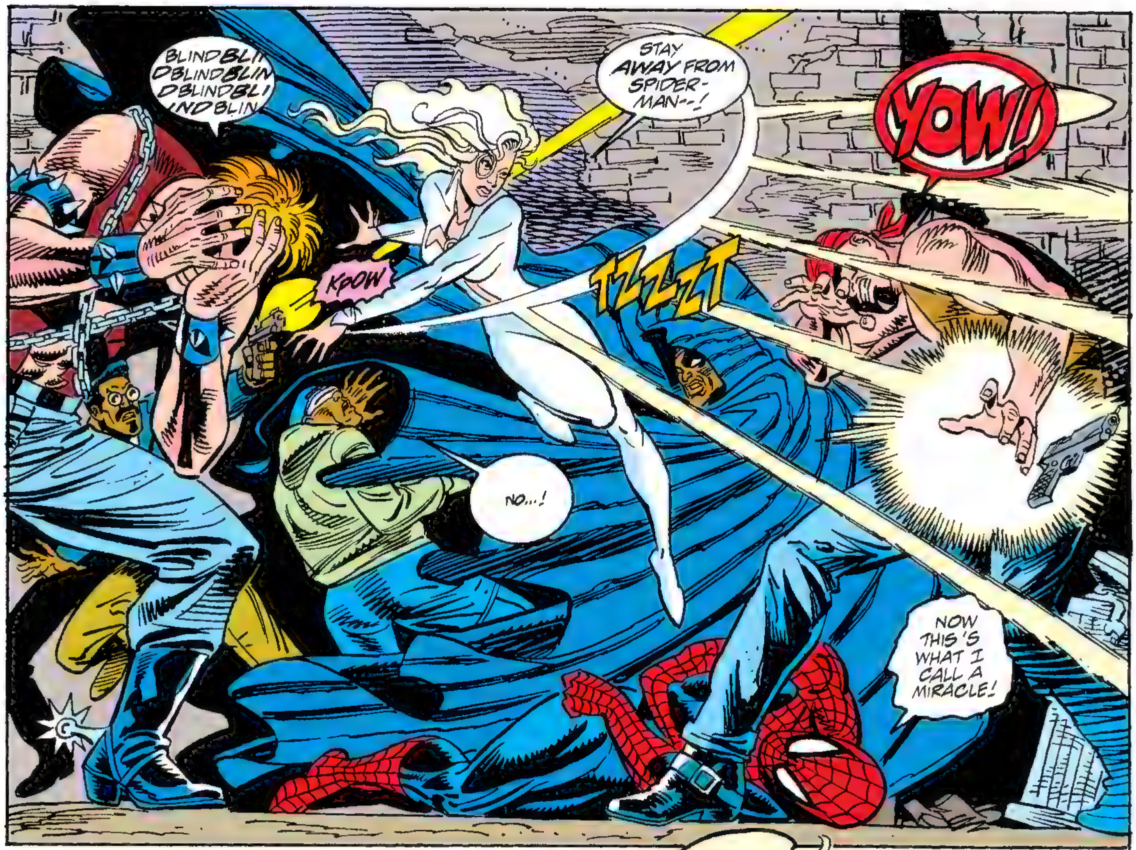
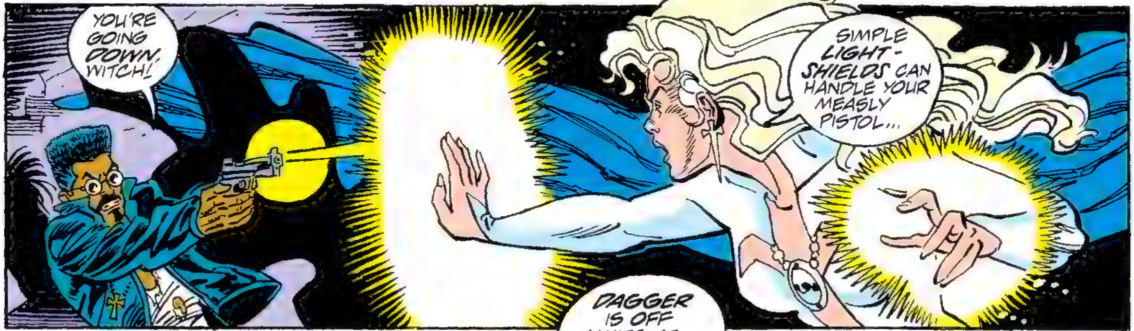
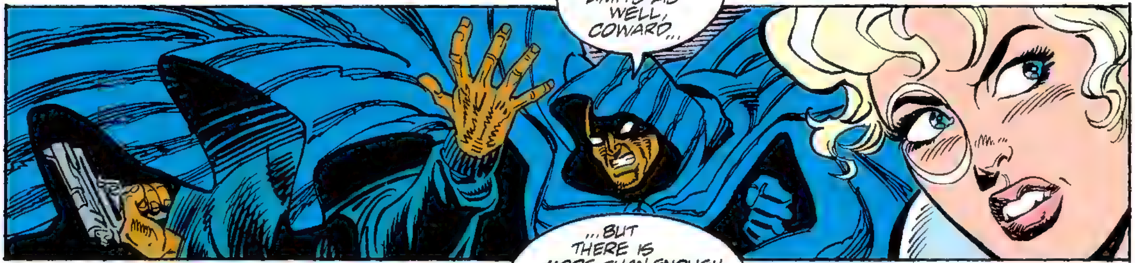
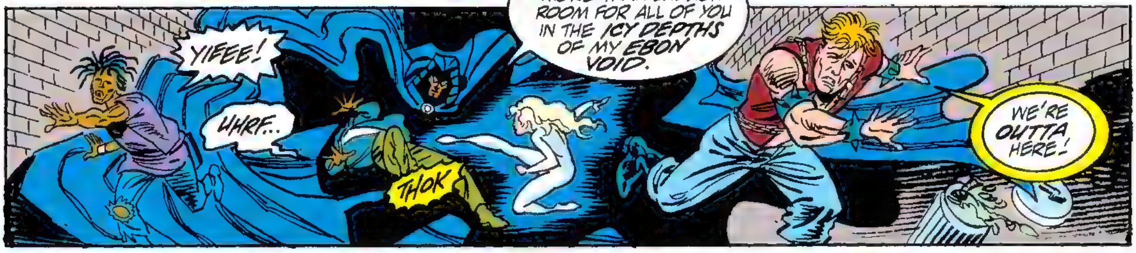
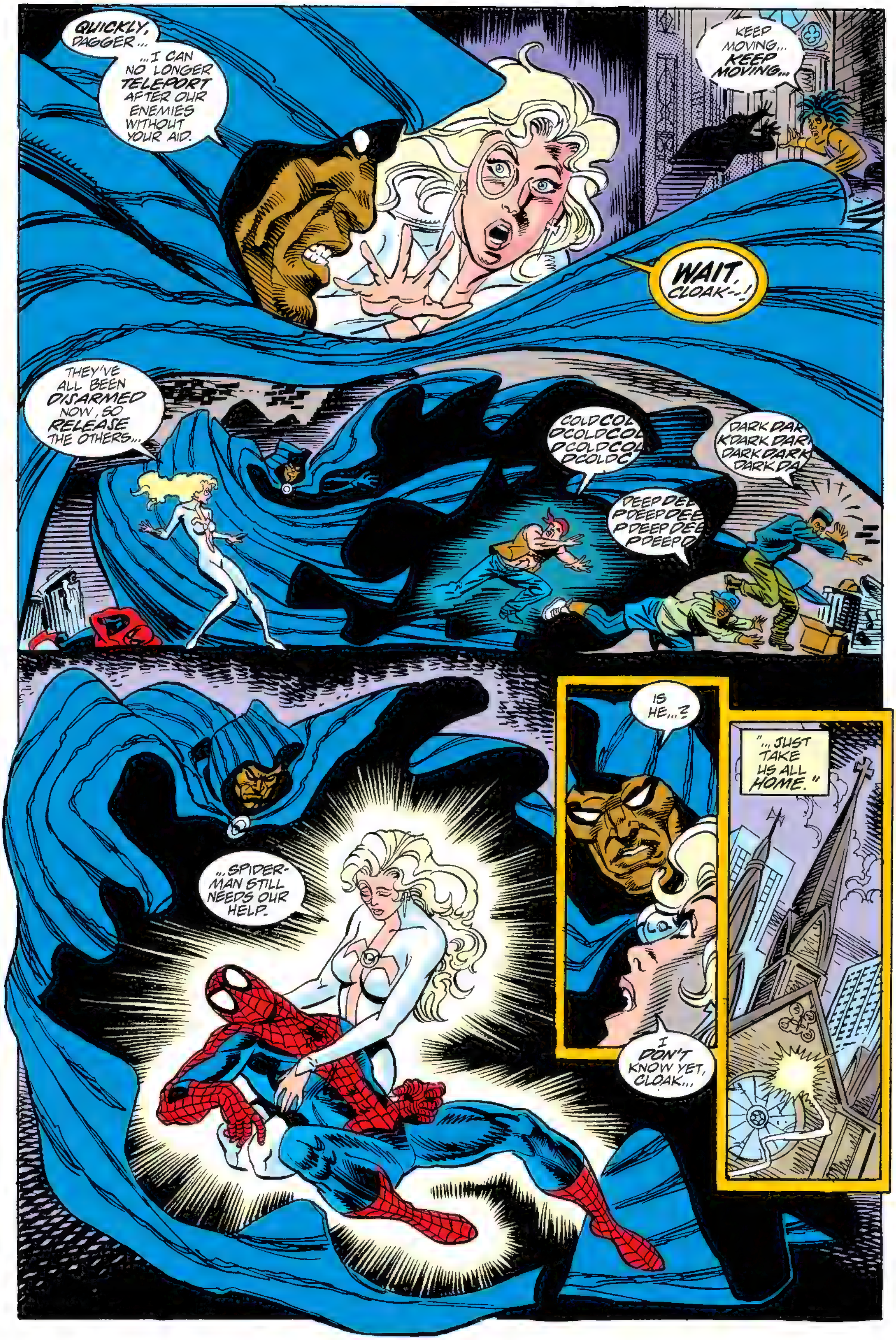
DARKLIGHT
MAXIMUM CARNAGE, PART 2

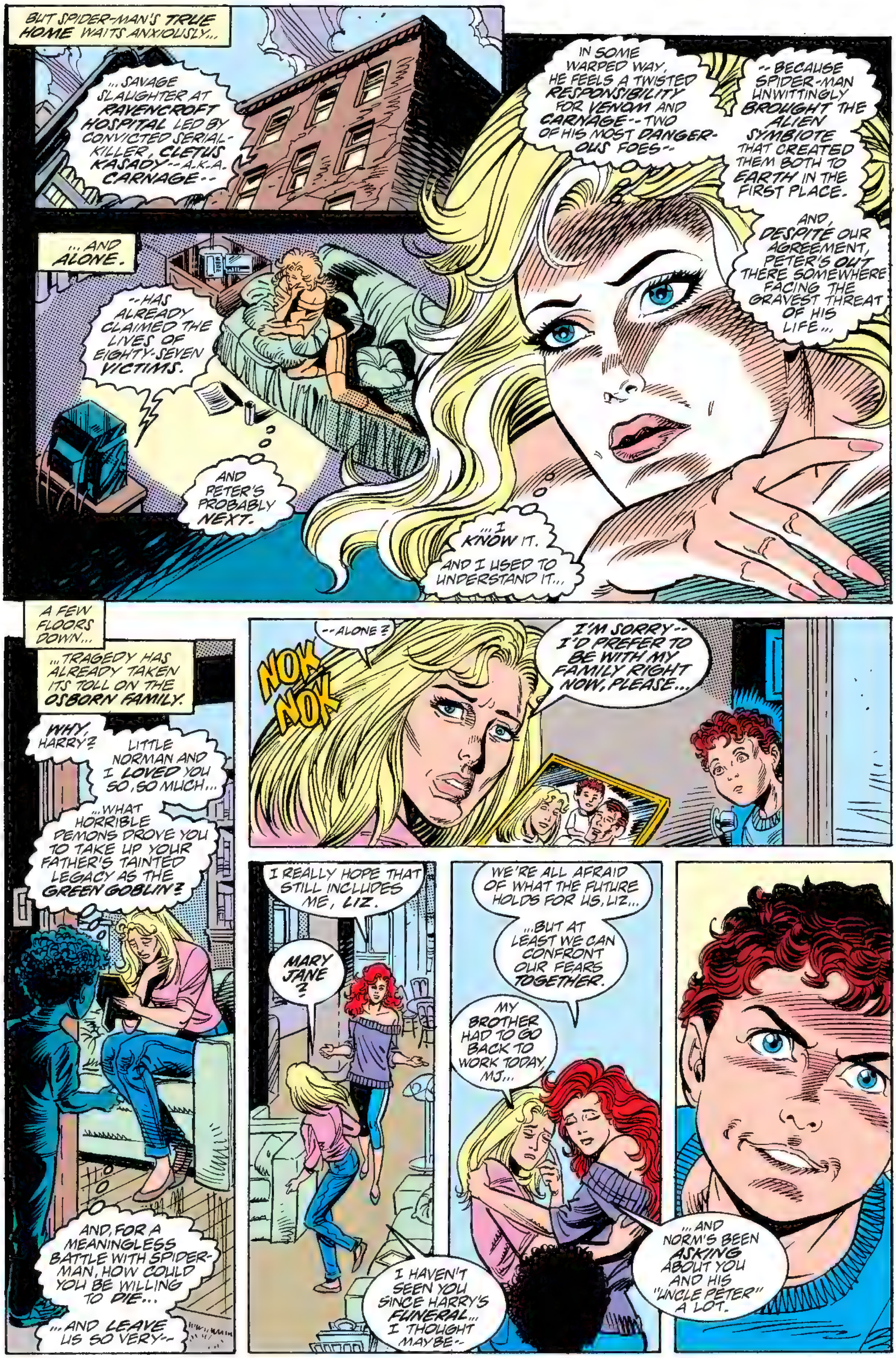

BLINDBLIDBLINDBLINDBLINDBLINDBLIN
STAY AWAY FROM SPIDER-MAN--!
YOW!
KPOW
TZZZT
NO...!
NOW THIS'S WHAT I CALL A MIRACLE!

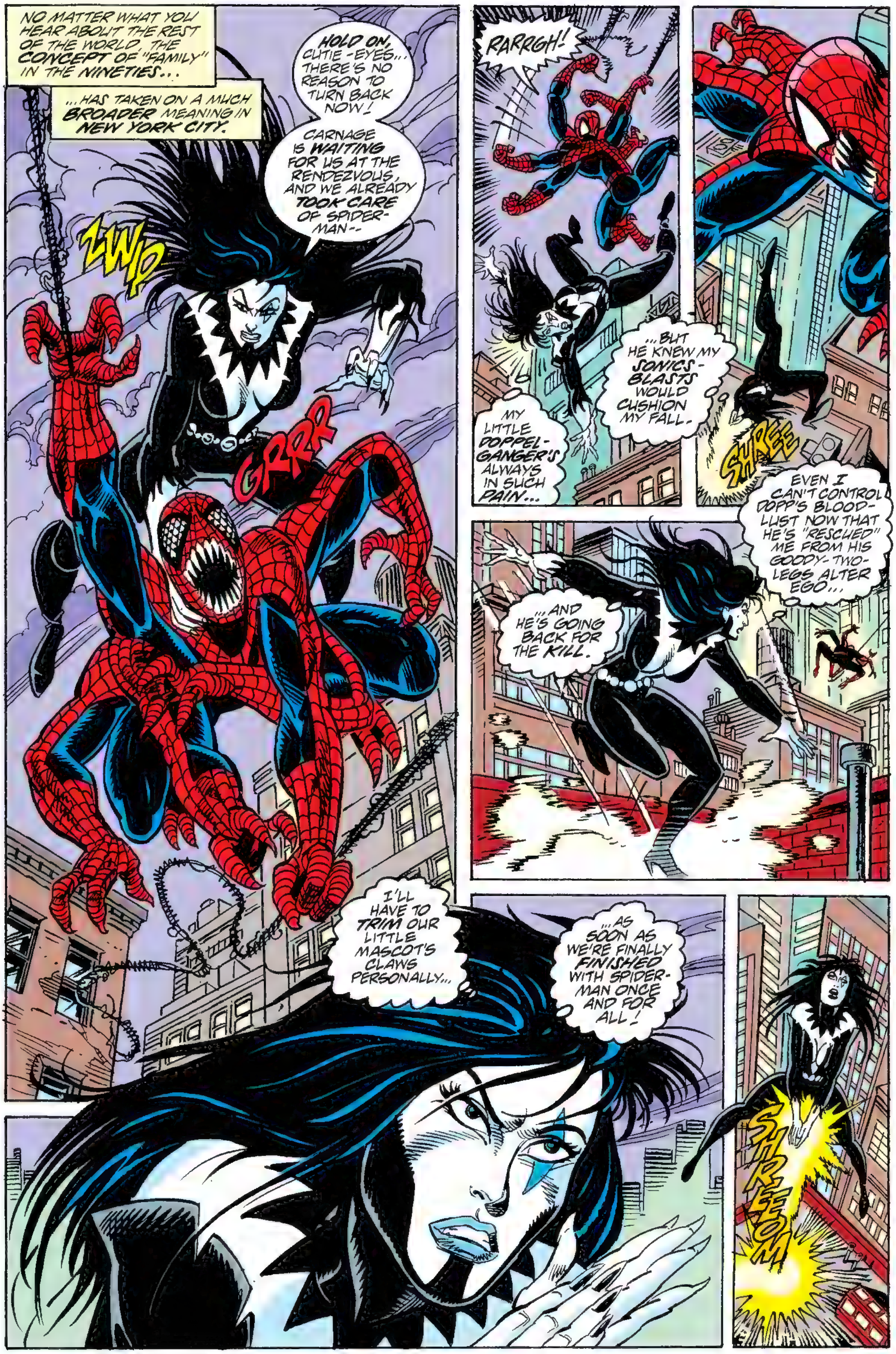

YOU'RE GOING DOWN, WITCH!
SIMPLE LIGHT-SHIELDS CAN HANDLE YOUR MEASLY PISTOL...

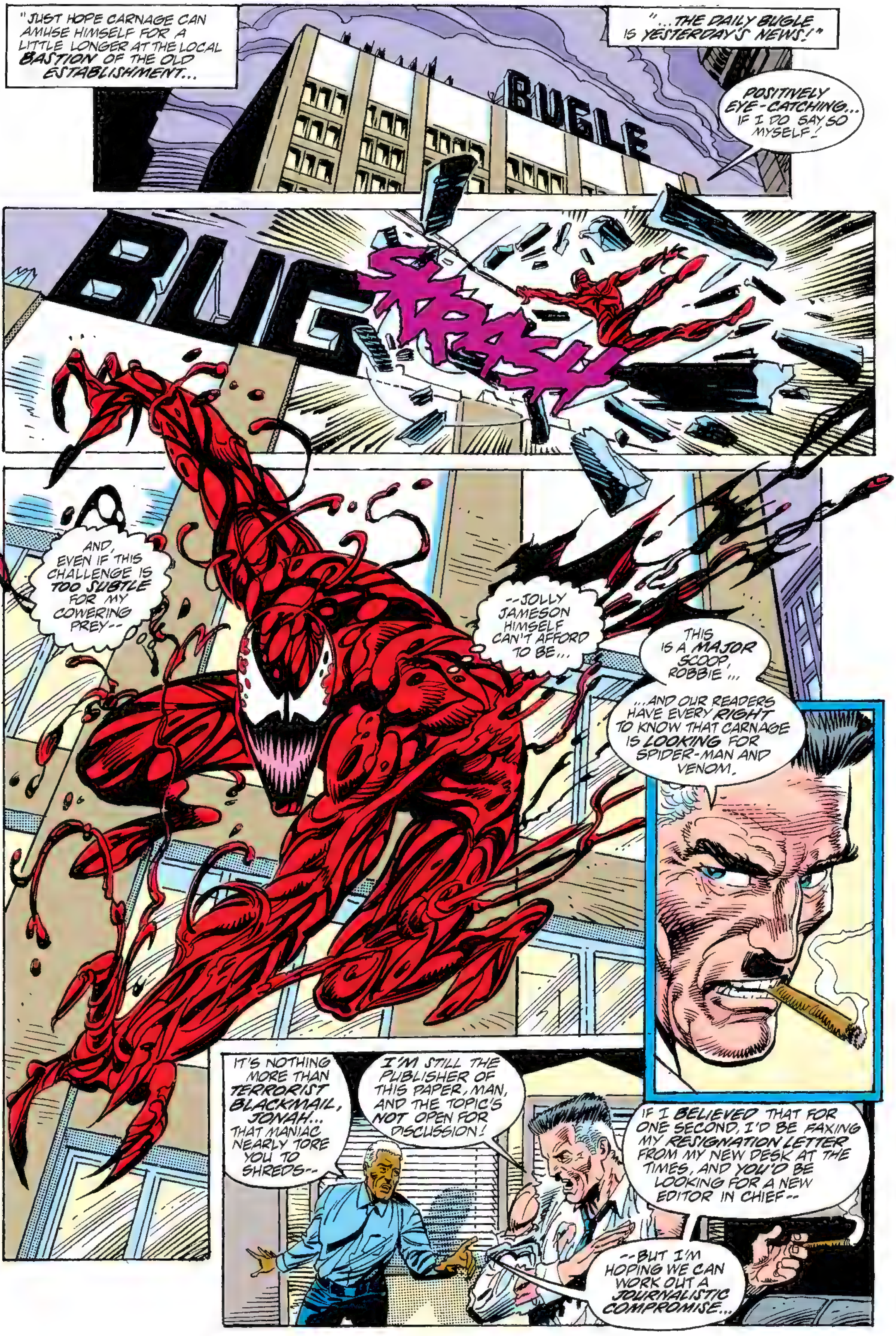

DAGGER IS OFF LIMITS AS WELL, COWARD...

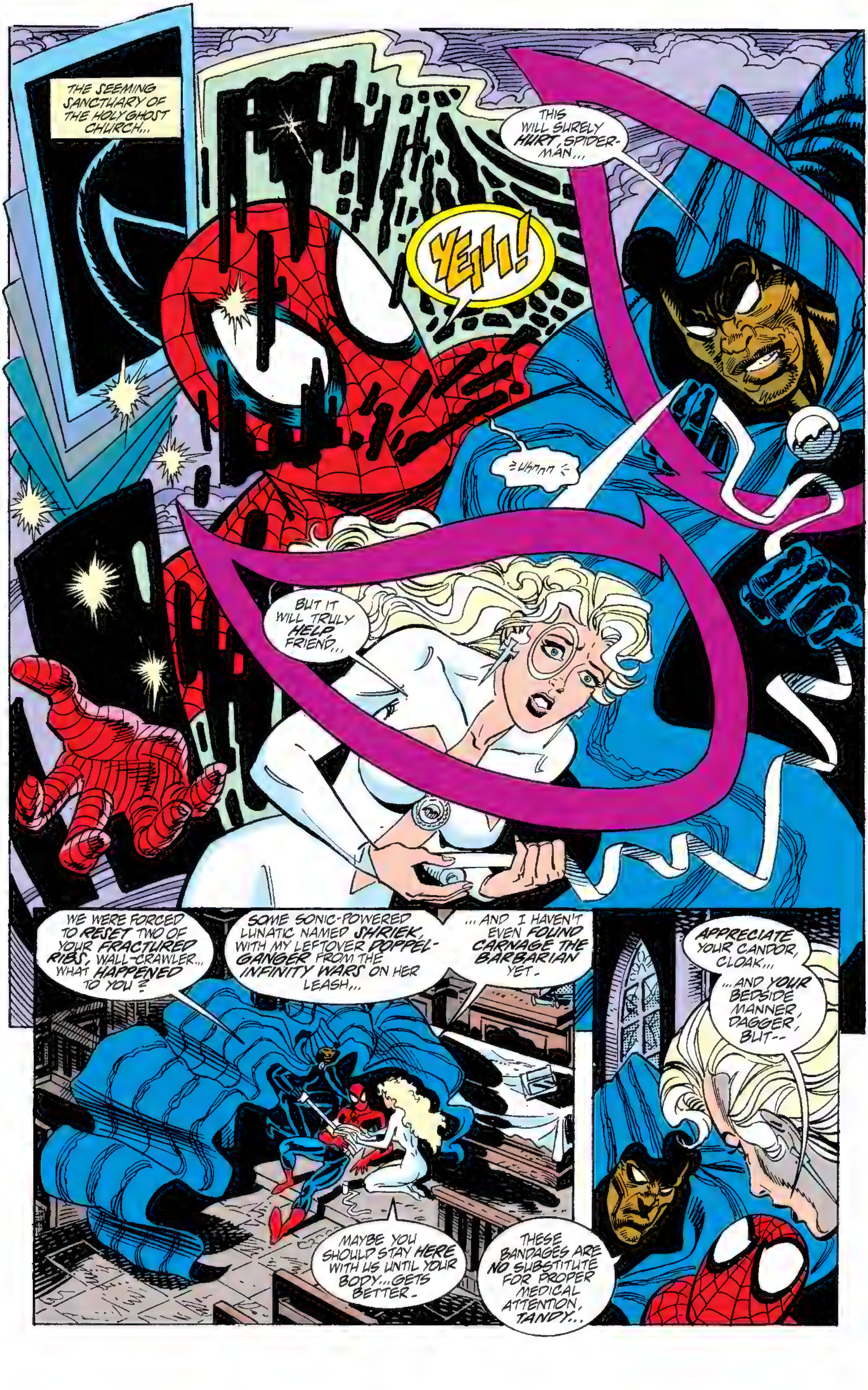

...BUT THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH ROOM FOR ALL OF YOU IN THE ICY DEPTHS OF MY EBON VOID.
YIEEE!
UHRF..
THOK
WE'RE OUTTA HERE!

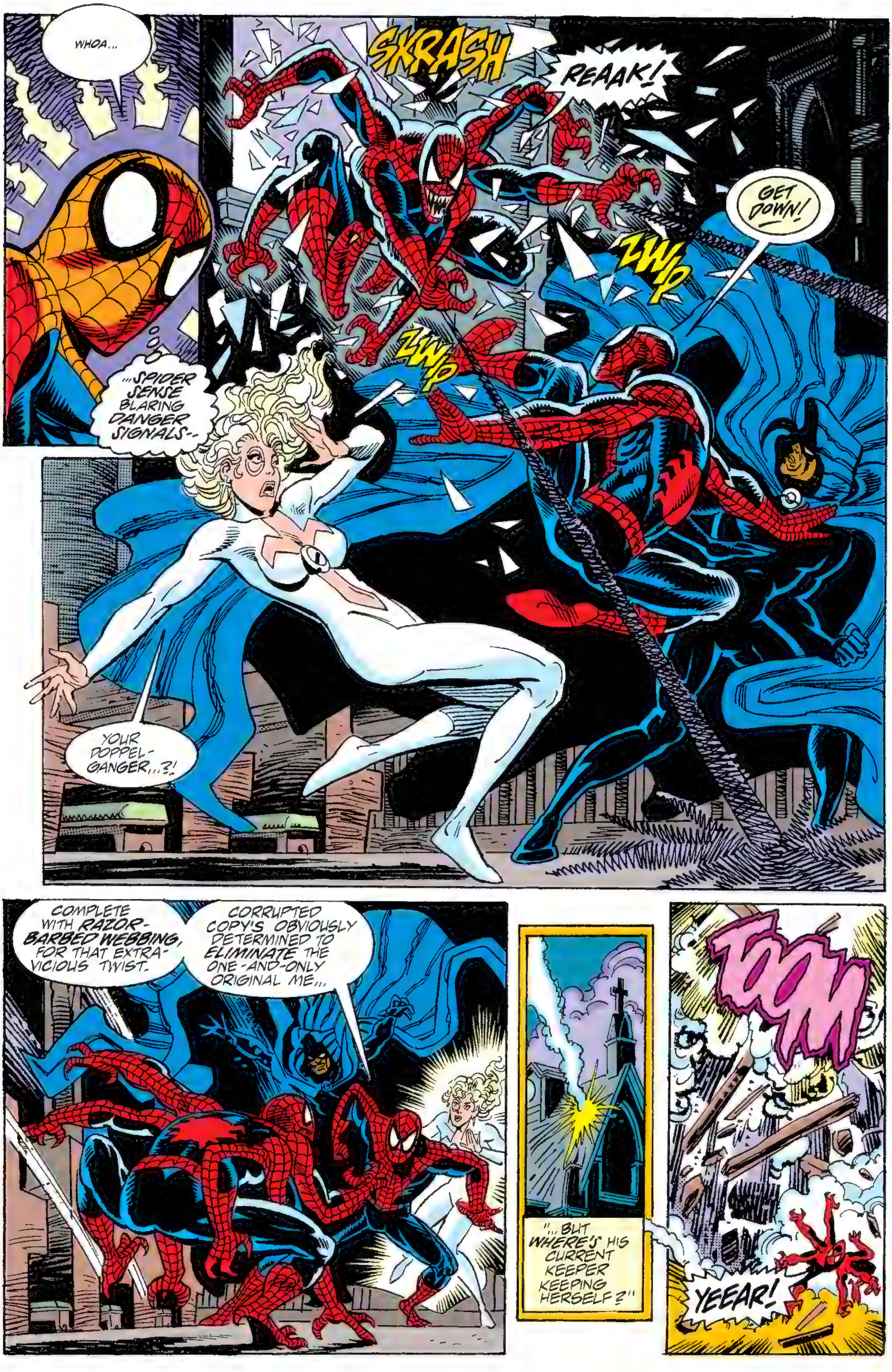

QUICKLY, DAGGER...
...I CAN NO LONGER TELEPORT AFTER OUR ENEMIES WITHOUT YOUR AID.
KEEP MOVING... KEEP MOVING...
WAIT, CLOAK--!
THEY'VE ALL BEEN DISARMED NOW, SO RELEASE THE OTHERS...
COLDCOL DCOLDCOL DCOLDCOL DCOLDC
DARKDAR KDARKDAR DARKDARK DARKDA
DEEPDEE PDEEPDEE PDEEPDEE PDEEPD
...SPIDER-MAN STILL NEEDS OUR HELP.
IS HE...?
I DON'T KNOW YET, CLOAK...
"...JUST TAKE US ALL HOME."

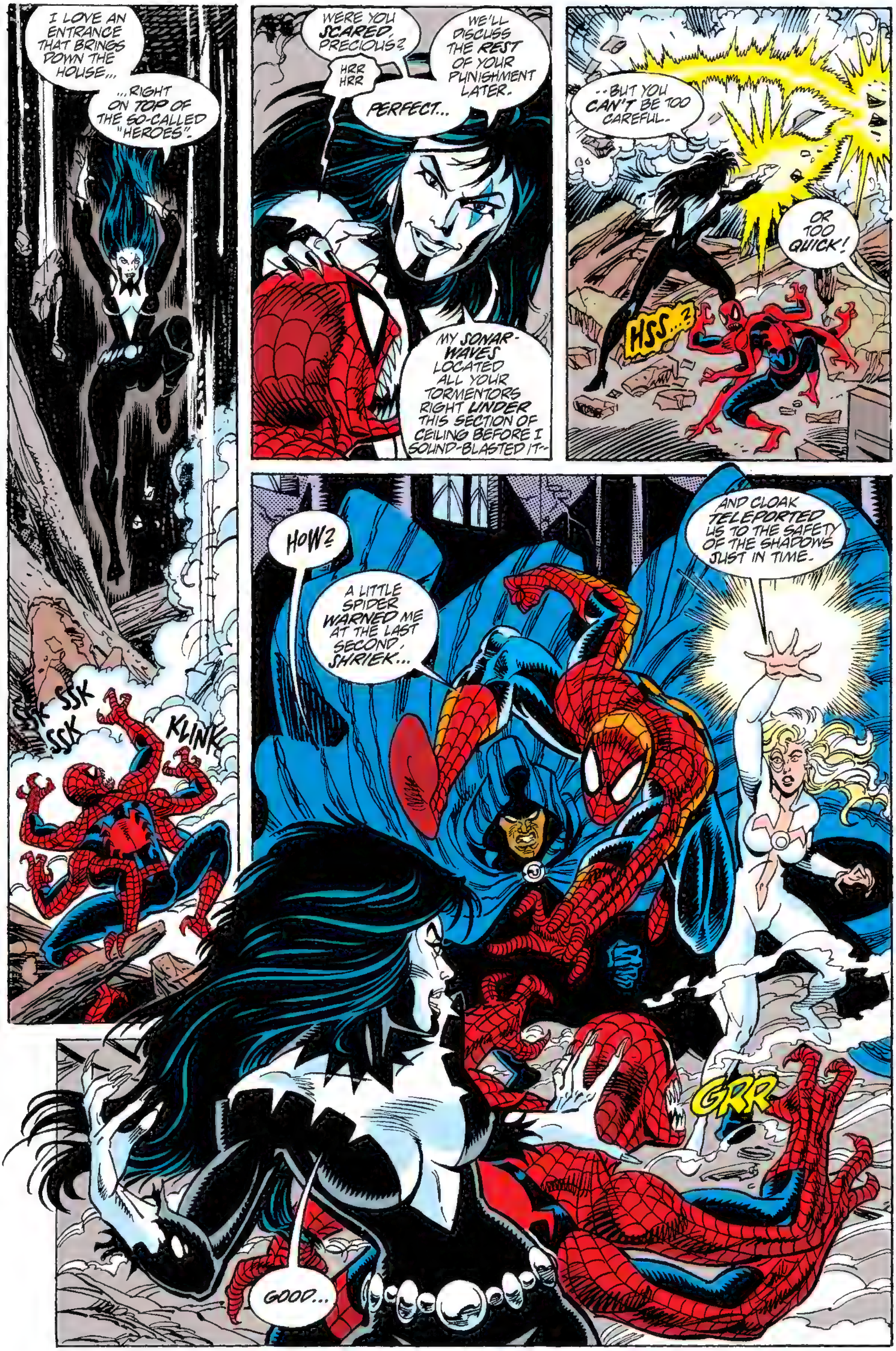

BUT SPIDER-MAN'S TRUE HOME WAITS ANXIOUSLY...
...SAVAGE SLAUGHTER AT RAVENCROFT HOSPITAL LED BY CONVICTED SERIAL-KILLER, CLETUS KASADY--A.K.A. CARNAGE--
IN SOME WARPED WAY, HE FEELS A TWISTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR VENOM AND CARNAGE--TWO OF HIS MOST DANGEROUS FOES--
--BECAUSE SPIDER-MAN UNWITTINGLY BROUGHT THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE THAT CREATED THEM BOTH TO EARTH IN THE FIRST PLACE.
AND, DESPITE OUR AGREEMENT, PETER'S OUT THERE SOMEWHERE FACING THE GRAVEST THREAT OF HIS LIFE...
...AND ALONE.
--HAS ALREADY CLAIMED THE LIVES OF EIGHTY-SEVEN VICTIMS.
AND PETER'S PROBABLY NEXT.
...I KNOW IT.
AND I USED TO UNDERSTAND IT...
A FEW FLOORS DOWN...
...TRAGEDY HAS ALREADY TAKEN ITS TOLL ON THE OSBORN FAMILY.
WHY, HARRY?
LITTLE NORMAN AND I LOVED YOU SO, SO MUCH...
...WHAT HORRIBLE DEMONS DROVE YOU TO TAKE UP YOUR FATHER'S TAINTED LEGACY AS THE GREEN GOBLIN?
AND, FOR A MEANINGLESS BATTLE WITH SPIDER-MAN, HOW COULD YOU BE WILLING TO DIE...
...AND LEAVE US SO VERY--
NOK NOK
--ALONE?
I'M SORRY--I'D PREFER TO BE WITH MY FAMILY RIGHT NOW, PLEASE...
I REALLY HOPE THAT STILL INCLUDES ME, LIZ.
MARY JANE?
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE HARRY'S FUNERAL... I THOUGHT MAYBE--
WE'RE ALL AFRAID OF WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR US, LIZ...
...BUT AT LEAST WE CAN CONFRONT OUR FEARS TOGETHER.
MY BROTHER HAD TO GO BACK TO WORK TODAY, MJ...
...AND NORM'S BEEN ASKING ABOUT YOU AND HIS "UNCLE PETER" A LOT.

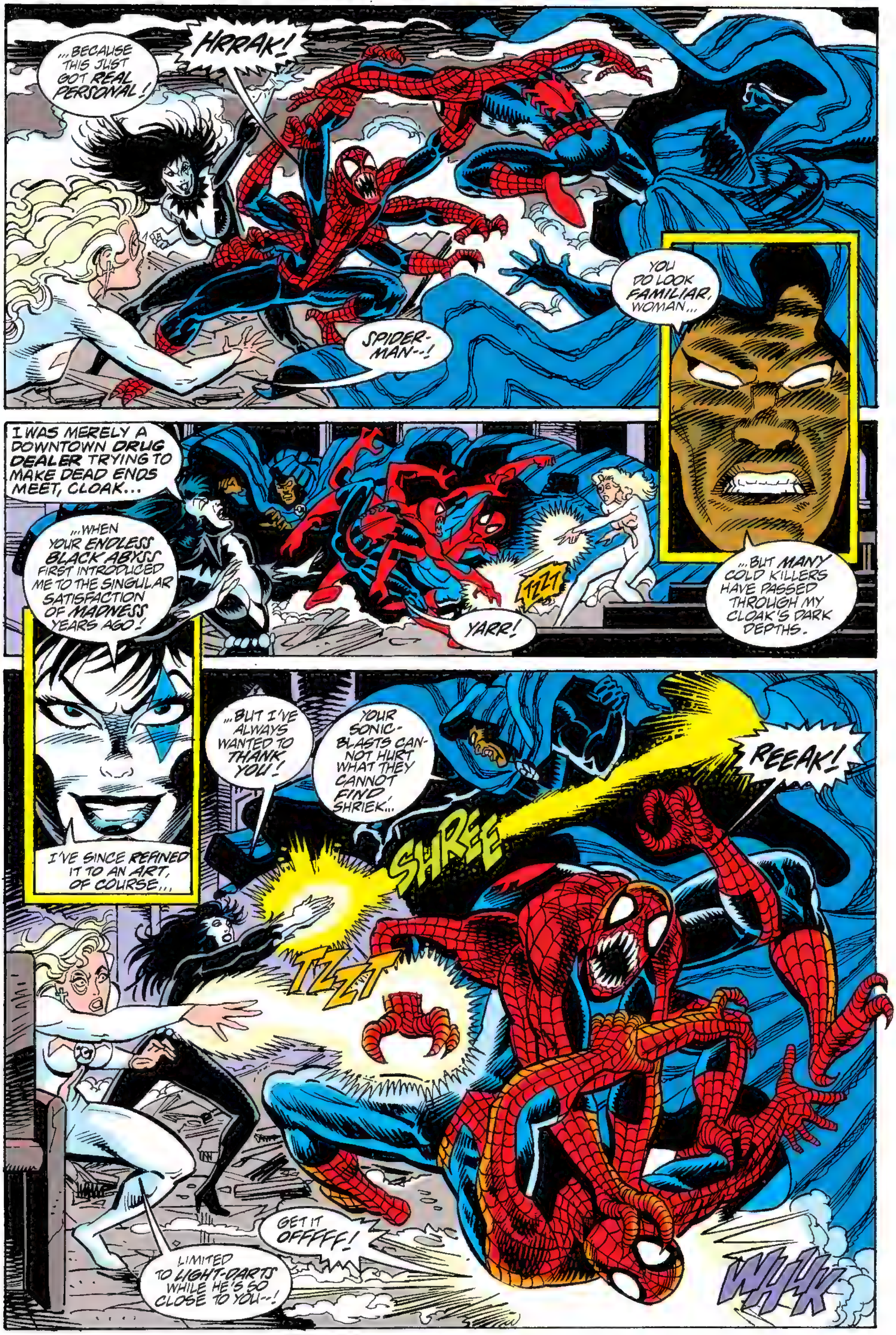

NO MATTER WHAT YOU HEAR ABOUT THE REST OF THE WORLD, THE **CONCEPT** OF "FAMILY" IN THE **NINETIES**...
...HAS TAKEN ON A MUCH **BROADER** MEANING IN **NEW YORK CITY.**
ZWIP
HOLD ON, CUTIE-EYES... THERE'S NO REASON TO TURN BACK NOW!
CARNAGE IS **WAITING** FOR US AT THE RENDEZVOUS, AND WE ALREADY **TOOK CARE** OF SPIDER-MAN--
GRRR
RARRGH!
MY LITTLE **DOPPELGANGER'S** ALWAYS IN SUCH **PAIN...**
...BUT HE KNEW MY **SONICS-BLASTS** WOULD CUSHION MY FALL.
SHREE
EVEN **I** CAN'T CONTROL DOPP'S BLOODLUST NOW THAT HE'S "RESCUED" ME FROM HIS GOODY-TWO-LEGS ALTER EGO...
...AND HE'S GOING BACK FOR THE **KILL.**
I'LL HAVE TO **TRIM** OUR LITTLE MASCOT'S CLAWS PERSONALLY...
...AS SOON AS WE'RE FINALLY **FINISHED** WITH SPIDER-MAN ONCE AND FOR ALL!
SHREEOOM

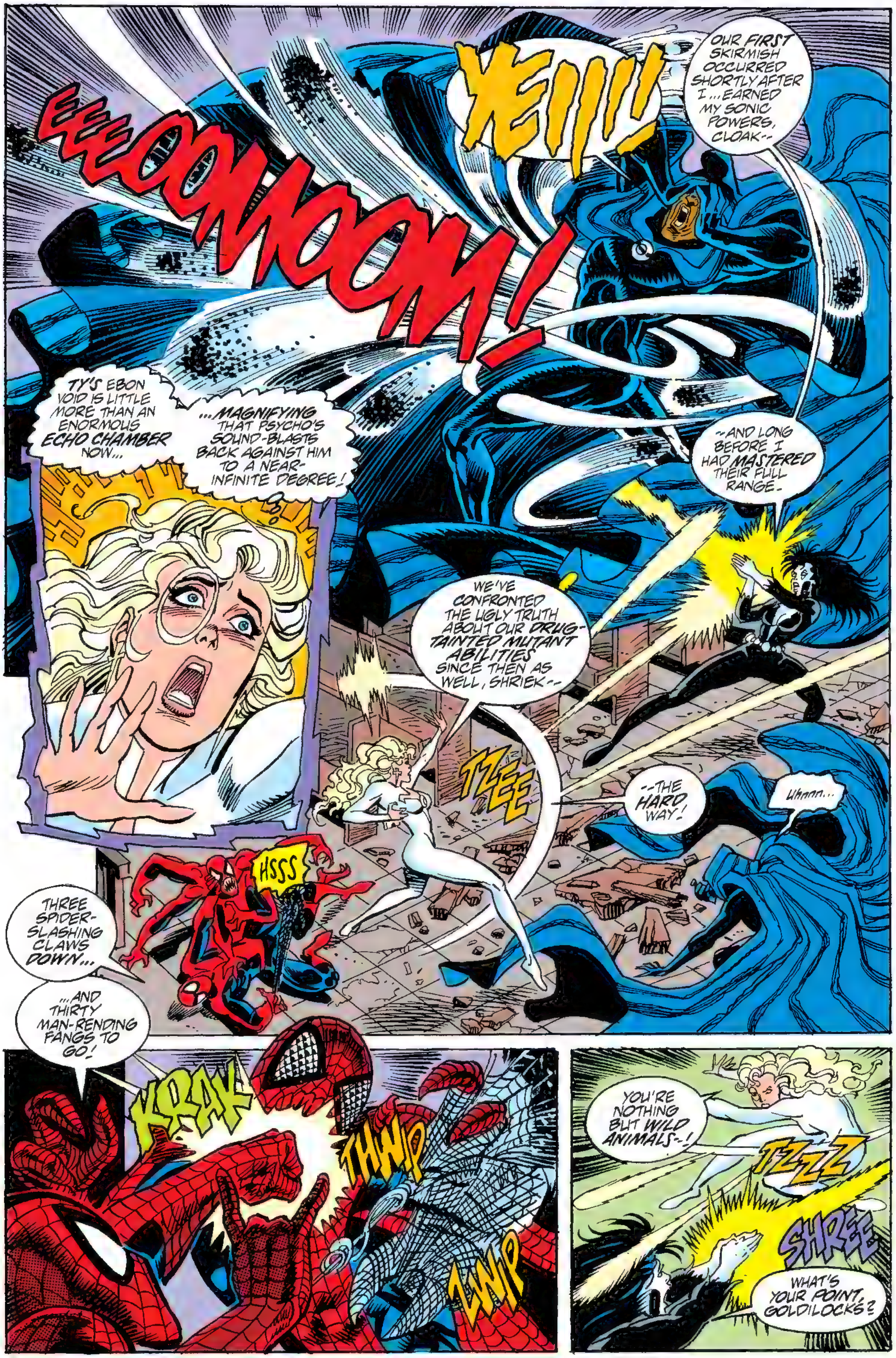

"JUST HOPE CARNAGE CAN AMUSE HIMSELF FOR A LITTLE LONGER AT THE LOCAL BASTION OF THE OLD ESTABLISHMENT...
"...THE DAILY BUGLE IS YESTERDAY'S NEWS!"
BUGLE
POSITIVELY EYE-CATCHING... IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!
BUG
SKRAKK
AND, EVEN IF THIS CHALLENGE IS TOO SUBTLE FOR MY COWERING PREY--
--JOLLY JAMESON HIMSELF CAN'T AFFORD TO BE...
THIS IS A MAJOR SCOOP, ROBBIE...
...AND OUR READERS HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO KNOW THAT CARNAGE IS LOOKING FOR SPIDER-MAN AND VENOM.
IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN TERRORIST BLACKMAIL, JONAH... THAT MANIAC NEARLY TORE YOU TO SHREDS--
I'M STILL THE PUBLISHER OF THIS PAPER, MAN, AND THE TOPIC'S NOT OPEN FOR DISCUSSION!
IF I BELIEVED THAT FOR ONE SECOND, I'D BE FAXING MY RESIGNATION LETTER FROM MY NEW DESK AT THE TIMES, AND YOU'D BE LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR IN CHIEF--
--BUT I'M HOPING WE CAN WORK OUT A JOURNALISTIC COMPROMISE...

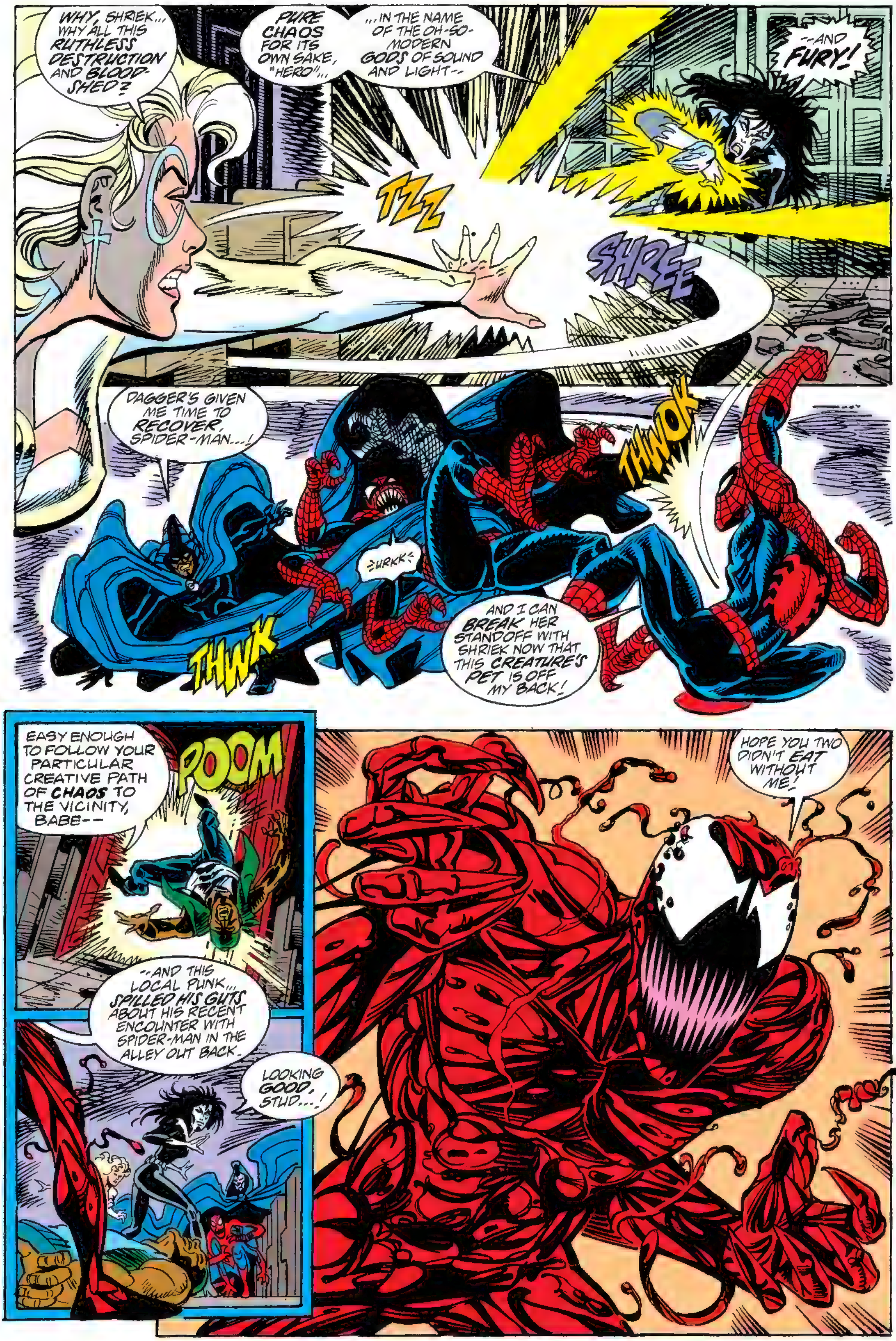

THE SEEMING SANCTUARY OF THE HOLY GHOST CHURCH...
THIS WILL SURELY HURT, SPIDER-MAN...
YEIII!
uhnnn
BUT IT WILL TRULY HELP, FRIEND...
WE WERE FORCED TO RESET TWO OF YOUR FRACTURED RIBS, WALL-CRAWLER... WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
SOME SONIC-POWERED LUNATIC NAMED SHRIEK, WITH MY LEFTOVER DOPPELGANGER FROM THE INFINITY WARS ON HER LEASH...
...AND I HAVEN'T EVEN FOUND CARNAGE THE BARBARIAN YET.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD STAY HERE WITH US UNTIL YOUR BODY... GETS BETTER.
APPRECIATE YOUR CANDOR, CLOAK...
...AND YOUR BEDSIDE MANNER, DAGGER, BUT--
THESE BANDAGES ARE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION, TANDY...

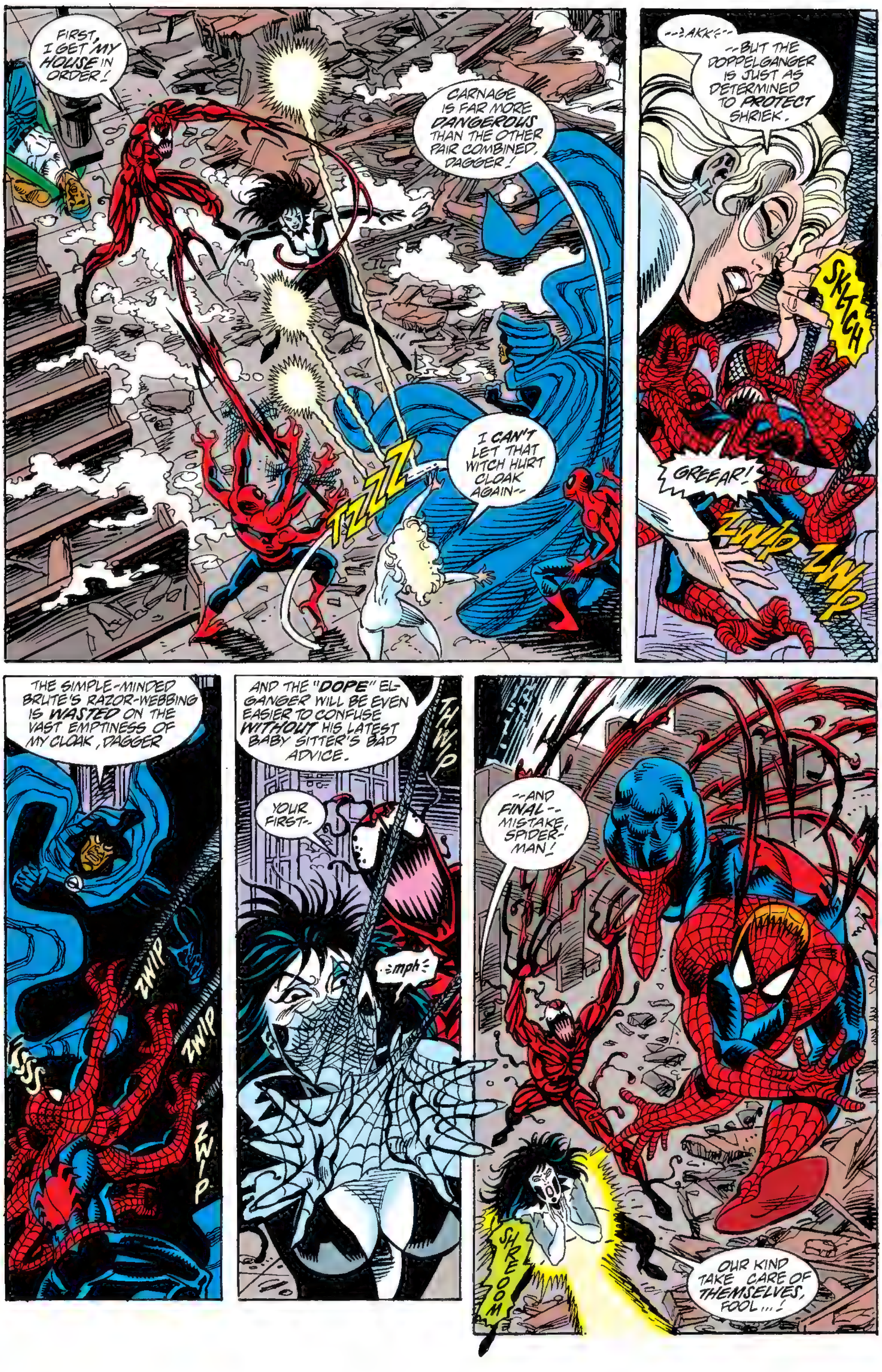

WHOA...
...SPIDER SENSE BLARING DANGER SIGNALS--
SKRASH
REAAK!
GET DOWN!
ZWIP
ZWIP
YOUR DOPPEL-GANGER...?!
COMPLETE WITH **RAZOR-BARBED WEBBING**, FOR THAT EXTRA-VICIOUS TWIST.
CORRUPTED COPY'S OBVIOUSLY DETERMINED TO **ELIMINATE** THE ONE-AND-ONLY ORIGINAL ME...
"...BUT **WHERE'S** HIS CURRENT KEEPER KEEPING HERSELF?"
TOOM
YEEAR!


I LOVE AN ENTRANCE THAT BRINGS DOWN THE HOUSE...
...RIGHT ON TOP OF THE SO-CALLED "HEROES".
SSK SSK SSK
KLINK
WERE YOU SCARED, PRECIOUS?
HRR HRR
PERFECT...
WE'LL DISCUSS THE REST OF YOUR PUNISHMENT LATER.
MY SONAR-WAVES LOCATED ALL YOUR TORMENTORS RIGHT UNDER THIS SECTION OF CEILING BEFORE I SOUND-BLASTED IT--
--BUT YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL.
OR TOO QUICK!
HSS...?
HOW?
A LITTLE SPIDER WARNED ME AT THE LAST SECOND, SHRIEK...
AND CLOAK TELEPORTED US TO THE SAFETY OF THE SHADOWS JUST IN TIME.
GRR
GOOD...


...BECAUSE THIS JUST GOT REAL PERSONAL!
HRRAK!
YOU DO LOOK FAMILIAR, WOMAN...
SPIDER-MAN--!
I WAS MERELY A DOWNTOWN DRUG DEALER TRYING TO MAKE DEAD ENDS MEET, CLOAK...
...WHEN YOUR ENDLESS BLACK ABYSS FIRST INTRODUCED ME TO THE SINGULAR SATISFACTION OF MADNESS YEARS AGO!
TZZT
YARR!
...BUT MANY COLD KILLERS HAVE PASSED THROUGH MY CLOAK'S DARK DEPTHS.
I'VE SINCE REFINED IT TO AN ART, OF COURSE...
...BUT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO THANK YOU!
YOUR SONIC-BLASTS CANNOT HURT WHAT THEY CANNOT FIND, SHRIEK...
REEAK!
SHREE
TZZT
GET IT OFFFFF!
LIMITED TO LIGHT-DARTS WHILE HE'S SO CLOSE TO YOU--!
WHAK


EEEOWOOOM!
YEIII!
OUR FIRST SKIRMISH OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER I... EARNED MY SONIC POWERS, CLOAK--
TY'S EBON VOID IS LITTLE MORE THAN AN ENORMOUS ECHO CHAMBER NOW...
...MAGNIFYING THAT PSYCHO'S SOUND-BLASTS BACK AGAINST HIM TO A NEAR-INFINITE DEGREE!
--AND LONG BEFORE I HAD MASTERED THEIR FULL RANGE.
WE'VE CONFRONTED THE UGLY TRUTH ABOUT OUR DRUG-TAINTED MUTANT ABILITIES SINCE THEN AS WELL, SHRIEK--
TZEE
--THE HARD WAY!
Uhnnn...
HSSS
THREE SPIDER-SLASHING CLAWS DOWN...
...AND THIRTY MAN-RENDING FANGS TO GO!
KRAK
THWP
THWP
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT WILD ANIMALS--!
TZZZ
SHREE
WHAT'S YOUR POINT, GOLDILOCKS?


WHY, SHRIEK... WHY ALL THIS RUTHLESS DESTRUCTION AND BLOODSHED?
PURE CHAOS FOR ITS OWN SAKE, "HERO"...
...IN THE NAME OF THE OH-SO-MODERN GODS OF SOUND AND LIGHT--
--AND FURY!
TZZ
SHREE
DAGGER'S GIVEN ME TIME TO RECOVER, SPIDER-MAN...!
THWOK
URKK
THWK
AND I CAN BREAK HER STANDOFF WITH SHRIEK NOW THAT THIS CREATURE'S PET IS OFF MY BACK!
EASY ENOUGH TO FOLLOW YOUR PARTICULAR CREATIVE PATH OF CHAOS TO THE VICINITY, BABE--
POOM
--AND THIS LOCAL PUNK... SPILLED HIS GUTS ABOUT HIS RECENT ENCOUNTER WITH SPIDER-MAN IN THE ALLEY OUT BACK.
LOOKING GOOD, STUD...!
HOPE YOU TWO DIDN'T EAT WITHOUT ME!


FIRST, I GET MY HOUSE IN ORDER!
CARNAGE IS FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE OTHER PAIR COMBINED, DAGGER!
TZZZZ
I CAN'T LET THAT WITCH HURT CLOAK AGAIN--
--AKK--
--BUT THE DOPPELGANGER IS JUST AS DETERMINED TO PROTECT SHRIEK.
SKTCH
GREEAR!
ZWIP
ZWIP
THE SIMPLE-MINDED BRUTE'S RAZOR-WEBBING IS WASTED ON THE VAST EMPTINESS OF MY CLOAK, DAGGER
ZWIP
ZWIP
SSSS
ZWIP
AND THE "DOPE" EL-GANGER WILL BE EVEN EASIER TO CONFUSE WITHOUT HIS LATEST BABY SITTER'S BAD ADVICE.
THWIP
YOUR FIRST--
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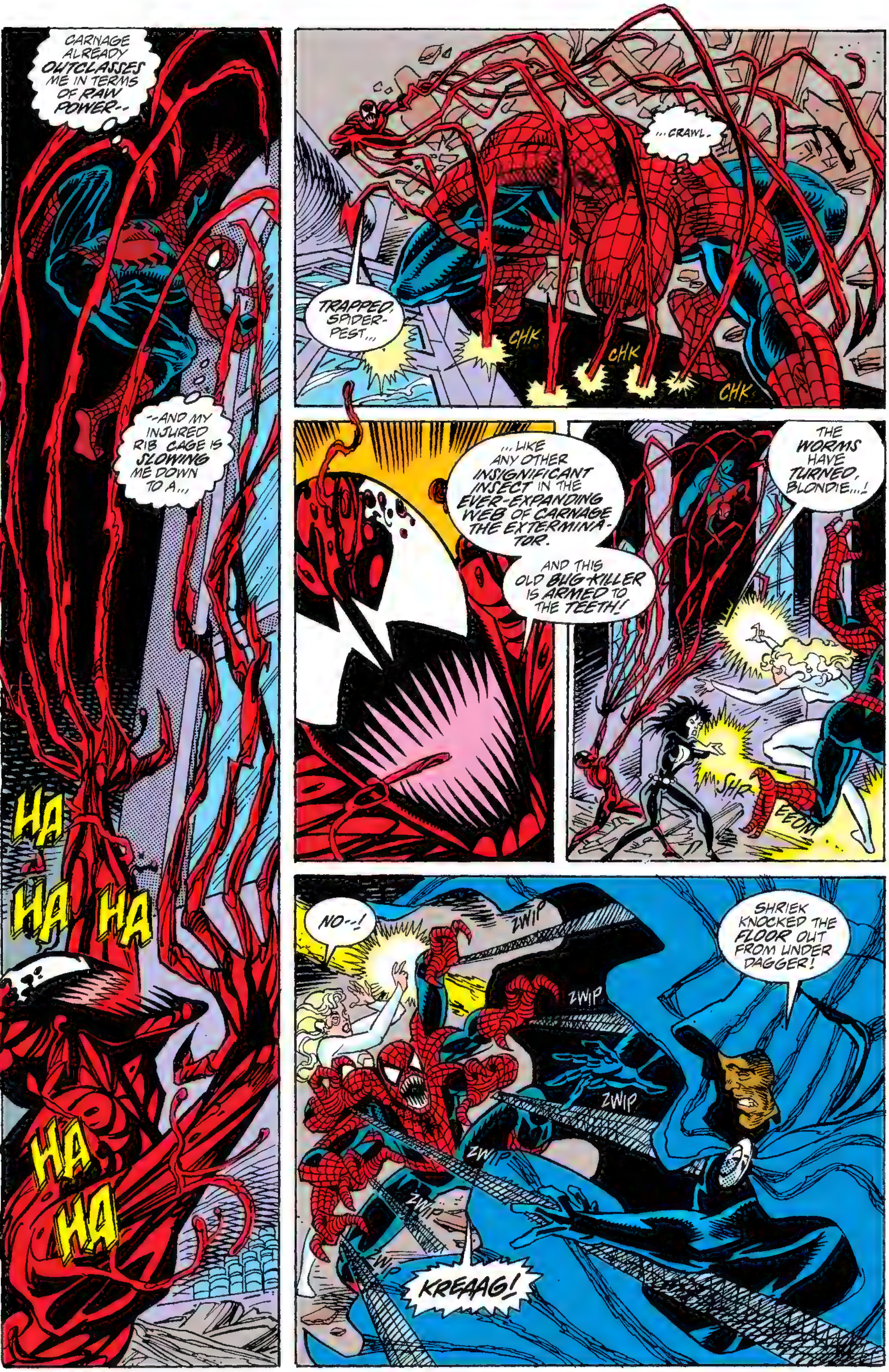
--AND FINAL--MISTAKE, SPIDER-MAN!
SHREOOM
OUR KIND TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, FOOL...!


CARNAGE ALREADY OUTCLASSES ME IN TERMS OF RAW POWER--
--AND MY INJURED RIB CAGE IS SLOWING ME DOWN TO A...
...CRAWL.
TRAPPED, SPIDER-PEST...
CHK
CHK
CHK
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
...LIKE ANY OTHER INSIGNIFICANT INSECT IN THE EVER-EXPANDING WEB OF CARNAGE THE EXTERMINATOR.
AND THIS OLD BUG-KILLER IS ARMED TO THE TEETH!
THE WORMS HAVE TURNED, BLONDIE...!
SHF
FOOM
NO--!
ZWIP
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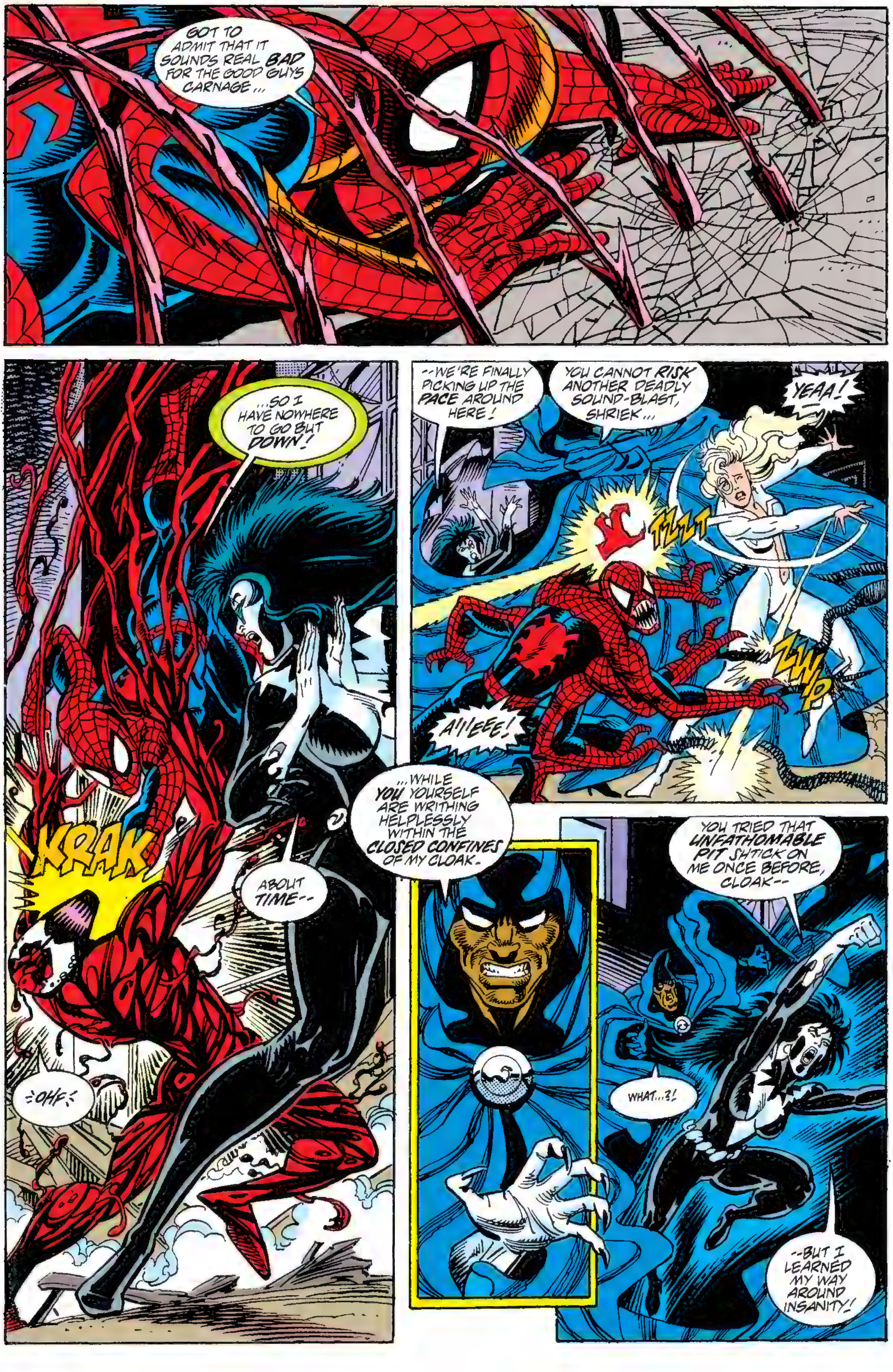
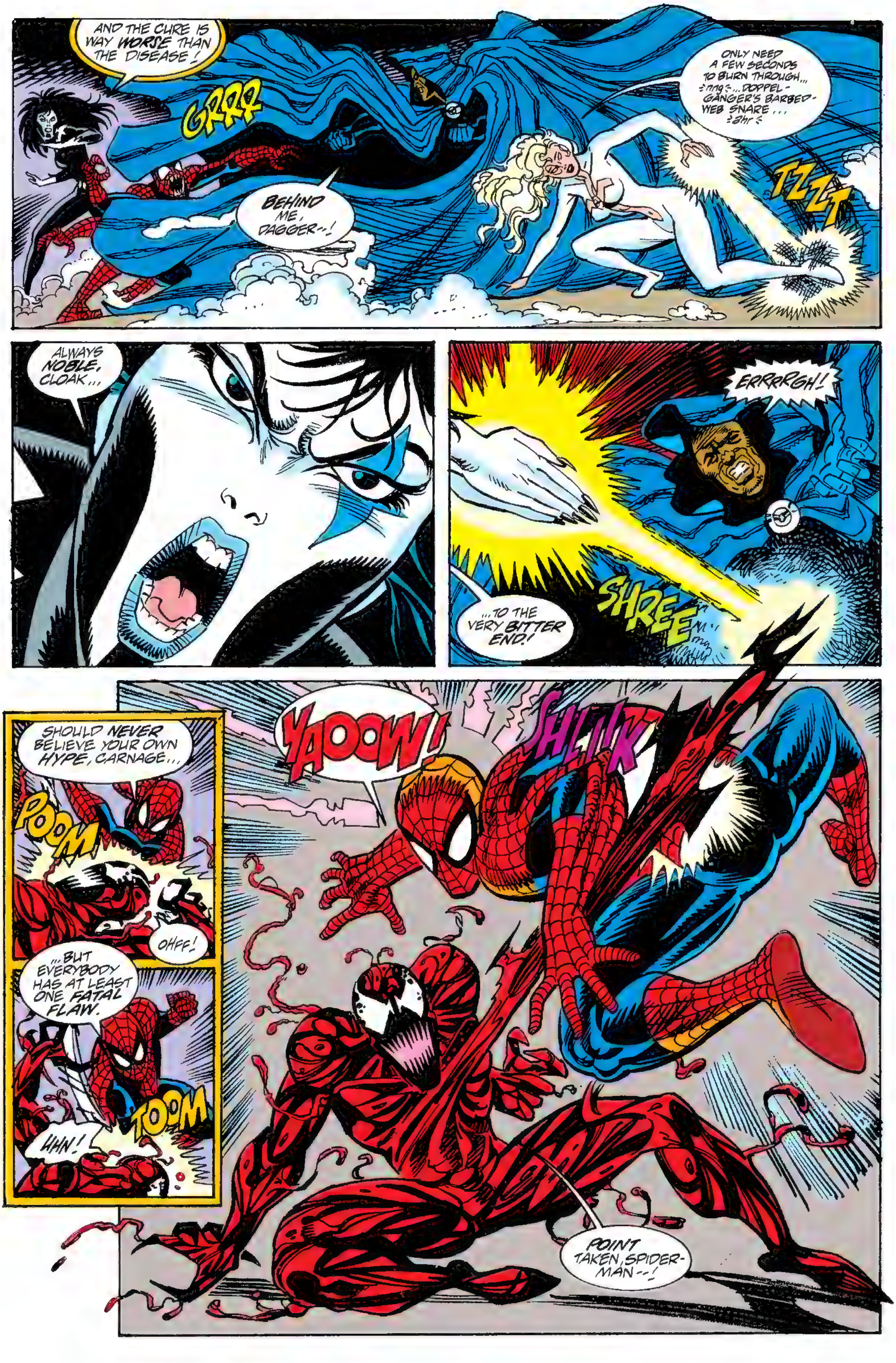
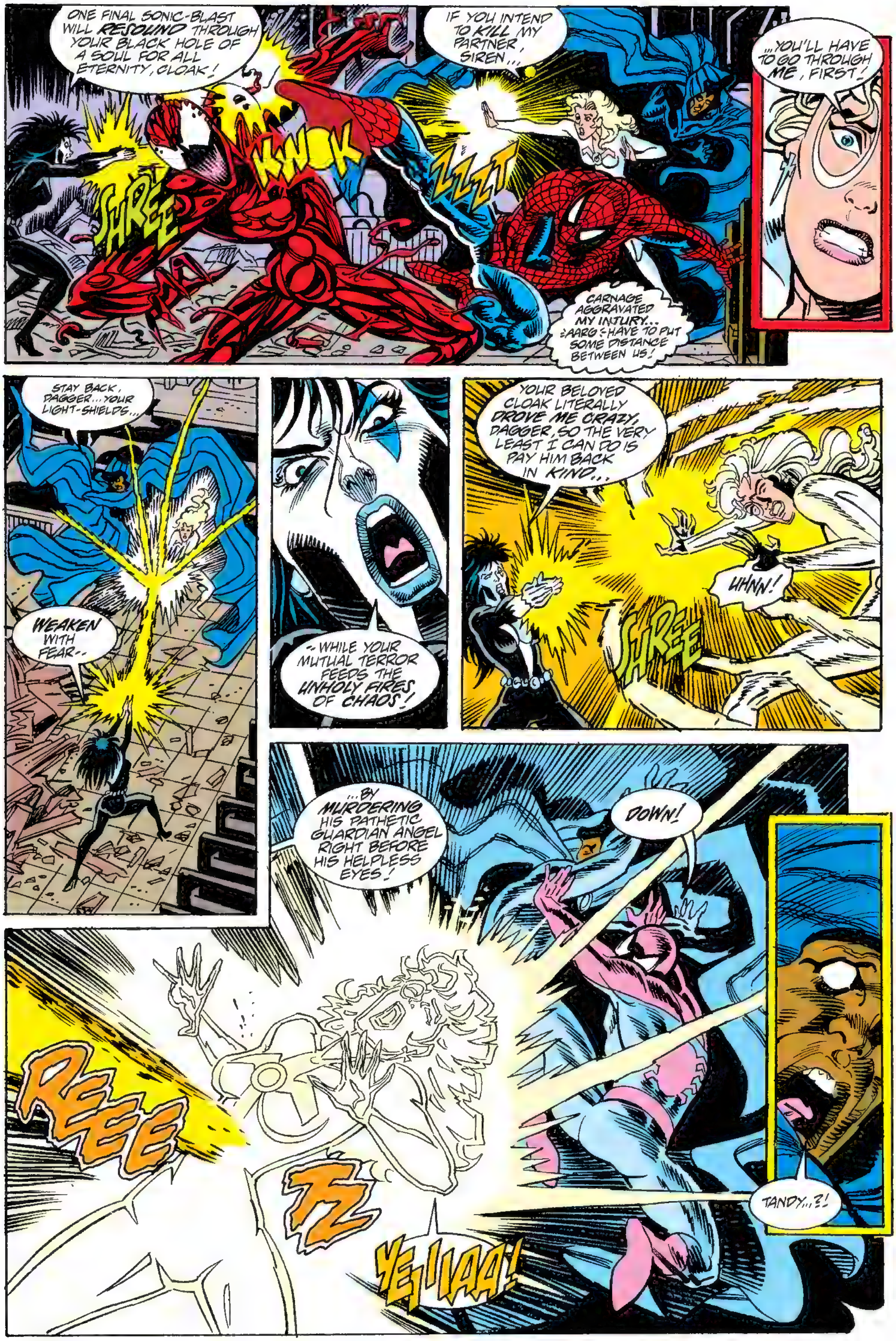
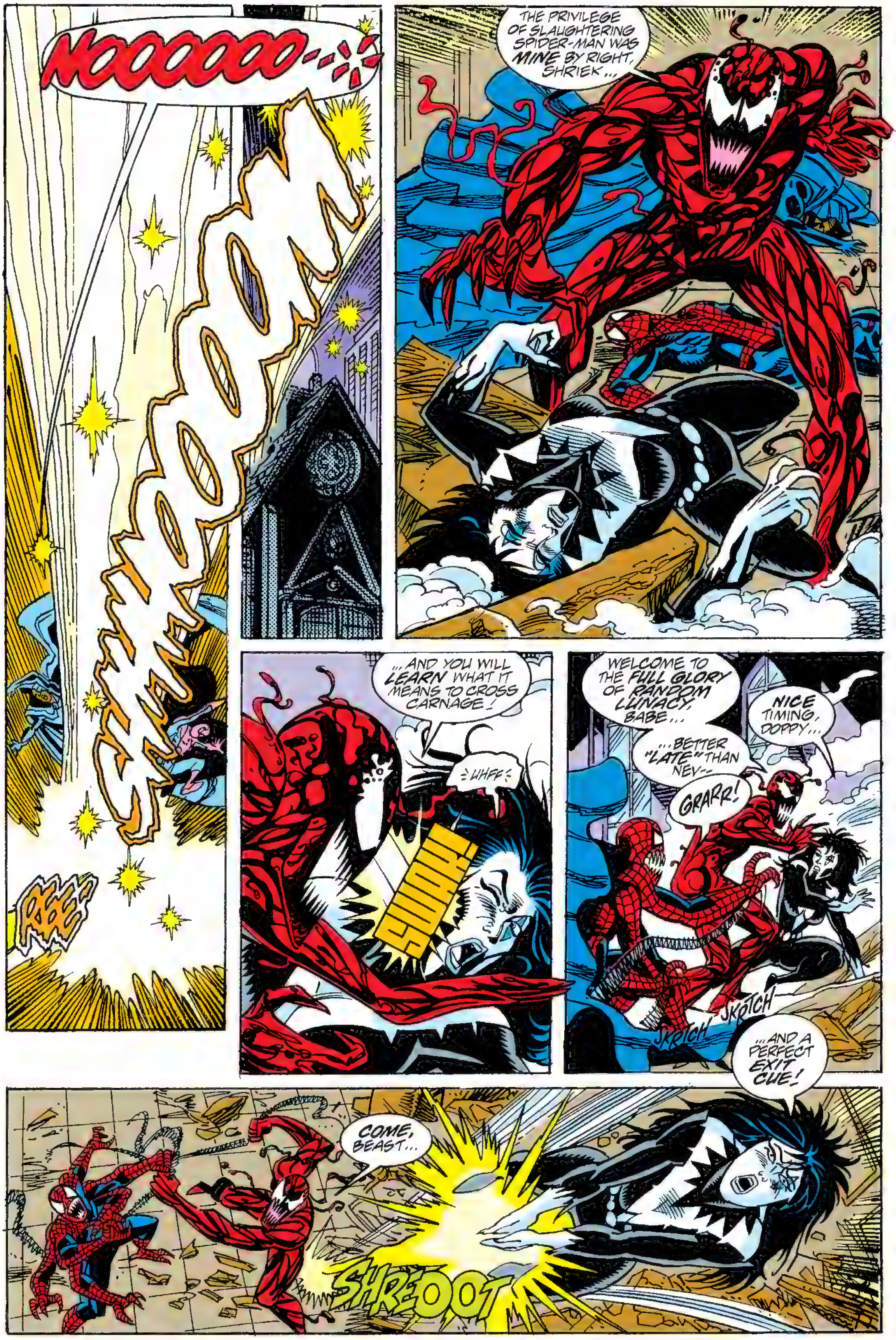
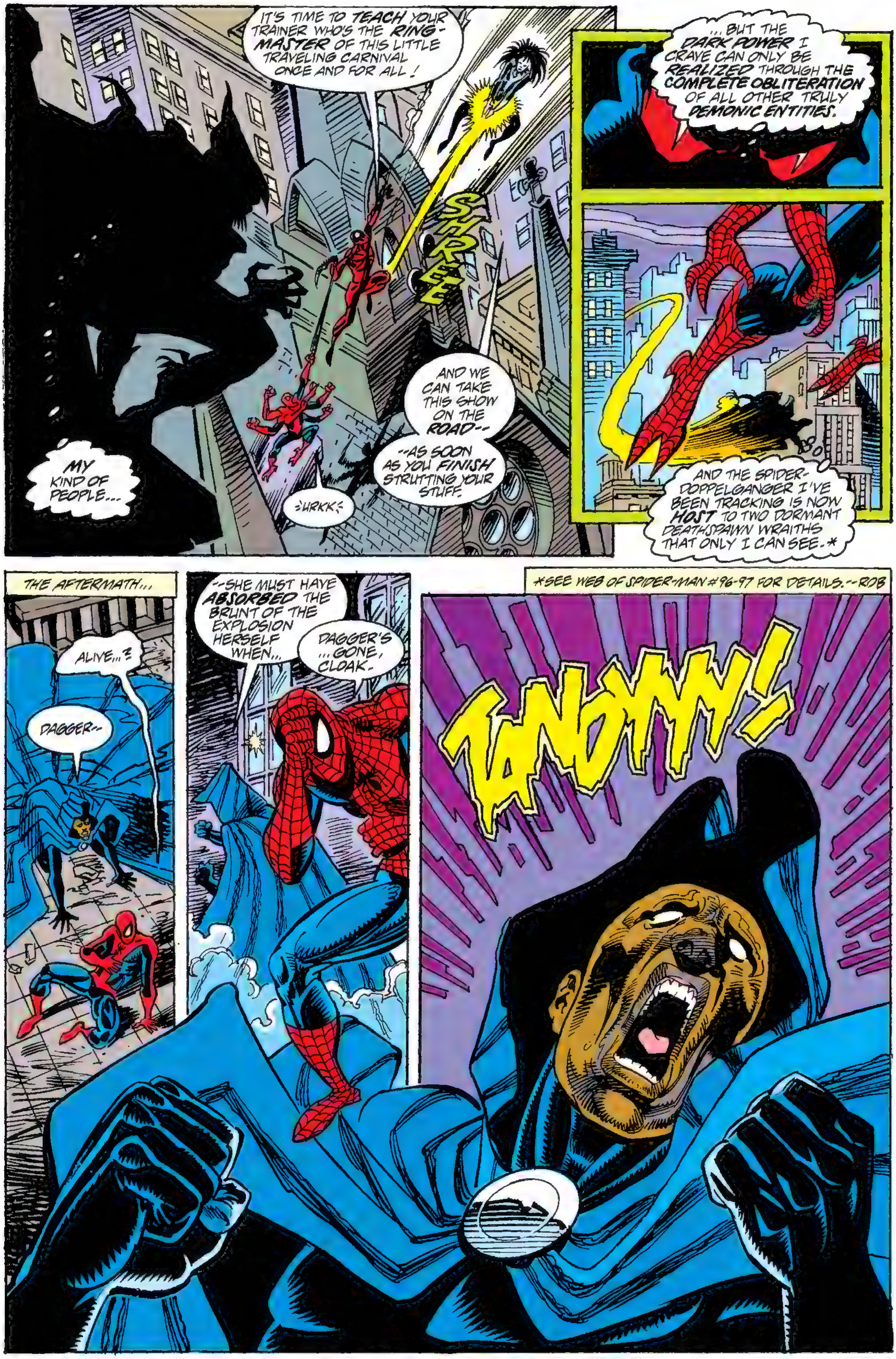
ZWIP
SHRIEK KNOCKED THE FLOOR OUT FROM UNDER DAGGER!
KREAAG!

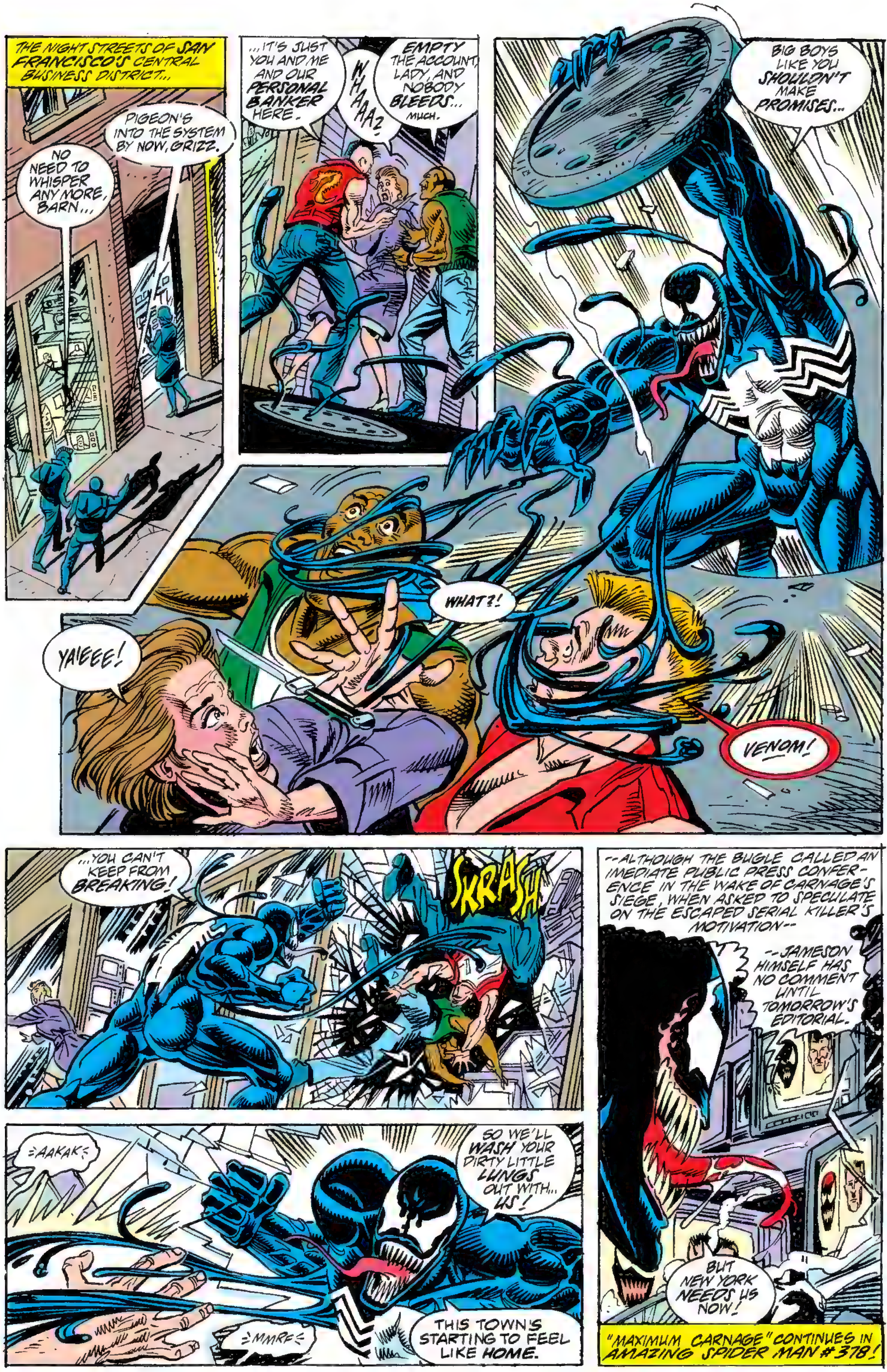

GOT TO ADMIT THAT IT SOUNDS REAL BAD FOR THE GOOD GUYS CARNAGE...
...SO I HAVE NOWHERE TO GO BUT DOWN!
KRAK
ABOUT TIME--
OHF!
--WE'RE FINALLY PICKING UP THE PACE AROUND HERE!
YOU CANNOT RISK ANOTHER DEADLY SOUND-BLAST, SHRIEK...
YEAA!
TZZT
ZWIP
AIIEEE!
...WHILE YOU YOURSELF ARE WRITHING HELPLESSLY WITHIN THE CLOSED CONFINES OF MY CLOAK.
YOU TRIED THAT UNFATHOMABLE PIT SHTICK ON ME ONCE BEFORE, CLOAK--
WHAT...?!
--BUT I LEARNED MY WAY AROUND INSANITY!


AND THE CURE IS WAY WORSE THAN THE DISEASE!
GRRR
ONLY NEED A FEW SECONDS TO BURN THROUGH... ≈nng≈... DOPPELGANGER'S BARBED-WEB SNARE... ≈ahr≈
BEHIND ME, DAGGER--!
TZZT
ALWAYS NOBLE, CLOAK...
ERRRRGH!
...TO THE VERY BITTER END!
SHREE
SHOULD NEVER BELIEVE YOUR OWN HYPE, CARNAGE...
POOM
OHFF!
...BUT EVERYBODY HAS AT LEAST ONE FATAL FLAW.
TOOM
UHN!
YAOOW!
SHLIK
POINT TAKEN, SPIDER-MAN--!


ONE FINAL SONIC-BLAST WILL RESOUND THROUGH YOUR BLACK HOLE OF A SOUL FOR ALL ETERNITY, CLOAK!
SHREE
KNOK
ZZZT
IF YOU INTEND TO KILL MY PARTNER, SIREN...
...YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME, FIRST!
CARNAGE AGGRAVATED MY INJURY... -AARG- HAVE TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US!
STAY BACK, DAGGER... YOUR LIGHT-SHIELDS...
WEAKEN WITH FEAR..
-WHILE YOUR MUTUAL TERROR FEEDS THE UNHOLY FIRES OF CHAOS!
YOUR BELOVED CLOAK LITERALLY DROVE ME CRAZY, DAGGER, SO THE VERY LEAST I CAN DO IS PAY HIM BACK IN KIND...
UHNN!
SHREE
...BY MURDERING HIS PATHETIC GUARDIAN ANGEL RIGHT BEFORE HIS HELPLESS EYES!
DOWN!
REEEE
TZ
YEIIIAA!
TANDY...?!


NOOOOOO--!
SHHOOOOM
THE PRIVILEGE OF SLAUGHTERING SPIDER-MAN WAS MINE BY RIGHT, SHRIEK...
...AND YOU WILL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO CROSS CARNAGE!
UHFF!
WELCOME TO THE FULL GLORY OF RANDOM LUNACY, BABE...
NICE TIMING, DOPPY...
...BETTER "LATE" THAN NEV--
GRARR!
SKRICH
SKRICH
...AND A PERFECT EXIT CUE!
COME, BEAST...
SHREOOT


IT'S TIME TO TEACH YOUR TRAINER WHO'S THE RING-MASTER OF THIS LITTLE TRAVELING CARNIVAL ONCE AND FOR ALL!
SHREE
AND WE CAN TAKE THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD--
--AS SOON AS YOU FINISH STRUTTING YOUR STUFF.
URKK
MY KIND OF PEOPLE...
...BUT THE DARK POWER I CRAVE CAN ONLY BE REALIZED THROUGH THE COMPLETE OBLITERATION OF ALL OTHER TRULY DEMONIC ENTITIES.
AND THE SPIDER-DOPPELGANGER I'VE BEEN TRACKING IS NOW HOST TO TWO DORMANT DEATHSPAWN WRAITHS THAT ONLY I CAN SEE.*
THE AFTERMATH...
ALIVE...?
DAGGER--
--SHE MUST HAVE ABSORBED THE BRUNT OF THE EXPLOSION HERSELF WHEN...
DAGGER'S ...GONE, CLOAK.
*SEE WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #96-97 FOR DETAILS.--ROB
TANOWW!


THE NIGHT STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT...
PIGEON'S INTO THE SYSTEM BY NOW, GRIZZ.
NO NEED TO WHISPER ANY MORE, BARN...
...IT'S JUST YOU AND ME AND OUR PERSONAL BANKER HERE.
WHAAAA?
EMPTY THE ACCOUNT, LADY, AND NOBODY BLEEDS... MUCH.
BIG BOYS LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE PROMISES...
WHAT?!
YAIEEE!
VENOM!
...YOU CAN'T KEEP FROM BREAKING!
SKRASH
AAKAK
SO WE'LL WASH YOUR DIRTY LITTLE LUNGS OUT WITH... US!
MMRF
THIS TOWN'S STARTING TO FEEL LIKE HOME.
--ALTHOUGH THE BUGLE CALLED AN IMEDIATE PUBLIC PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE WAKE OF CARNAGE'S SIEGE, WHEN ASKED TO SPECULATE ON THE ESCAPED SERIAL KILLER'S MOTIVATION--
--JAMESON HIMSELF HAS NO COMMENT UNTIL TOMORROW'S EDITORIAL.
BUT NEW YORK NEEDS US NOW!
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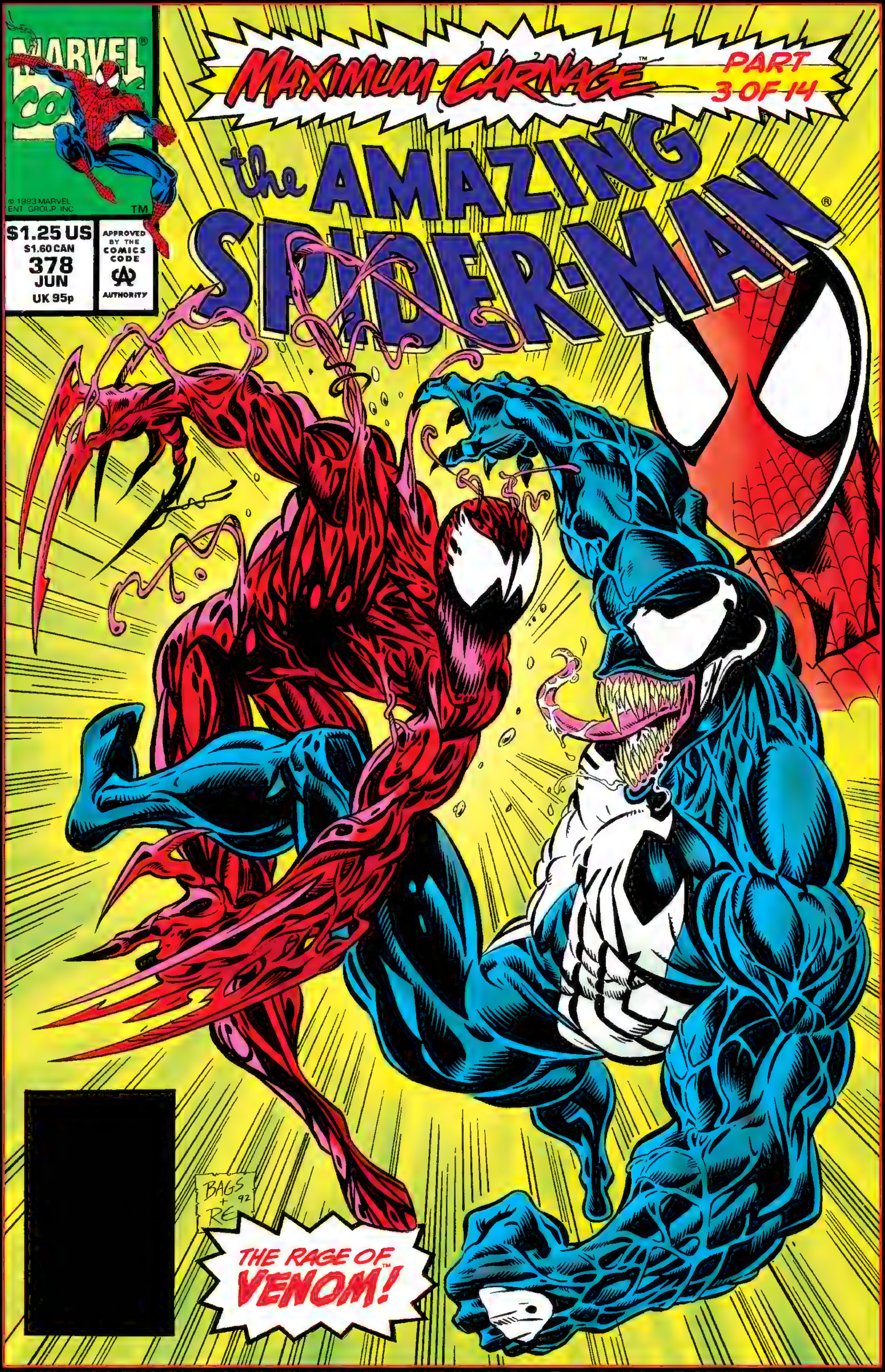
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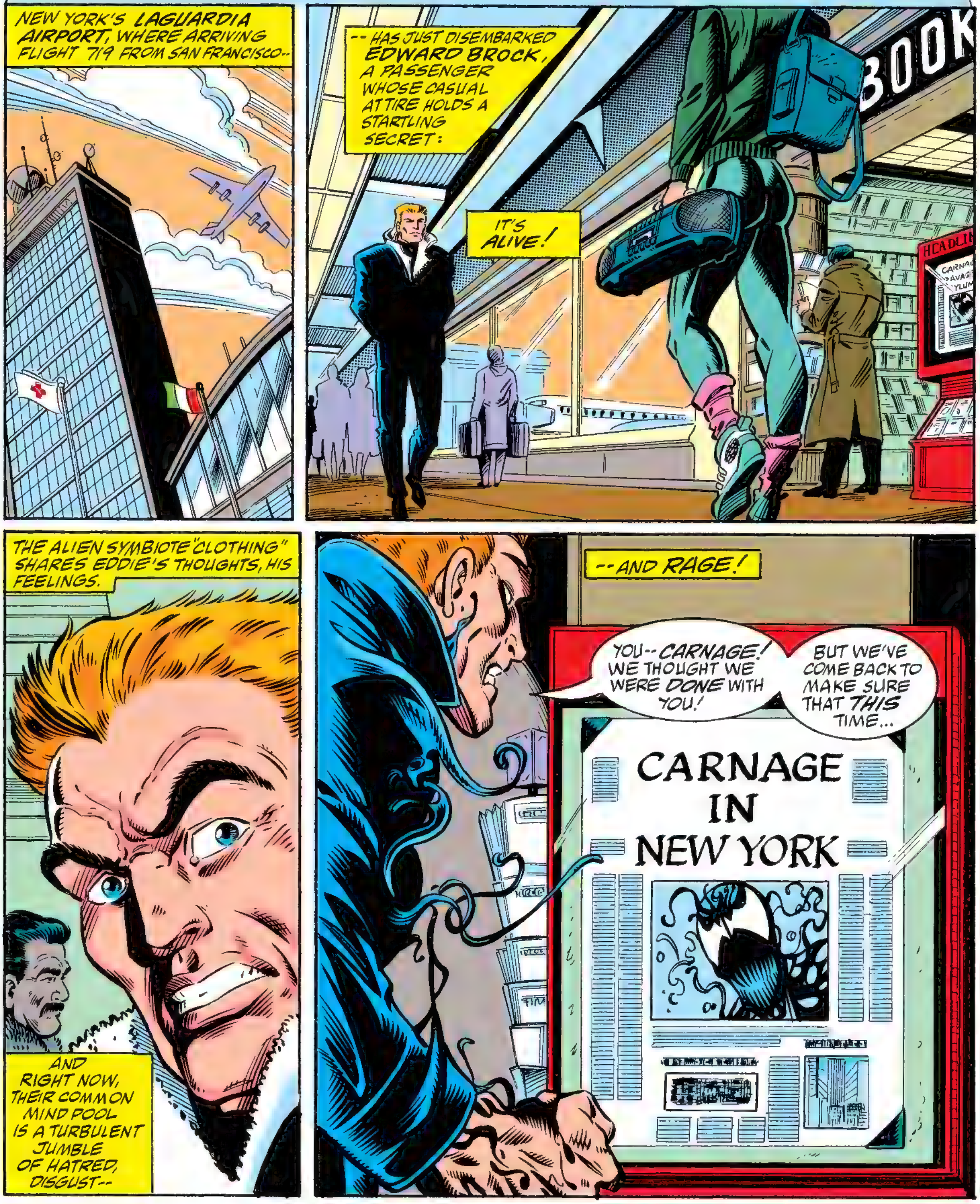
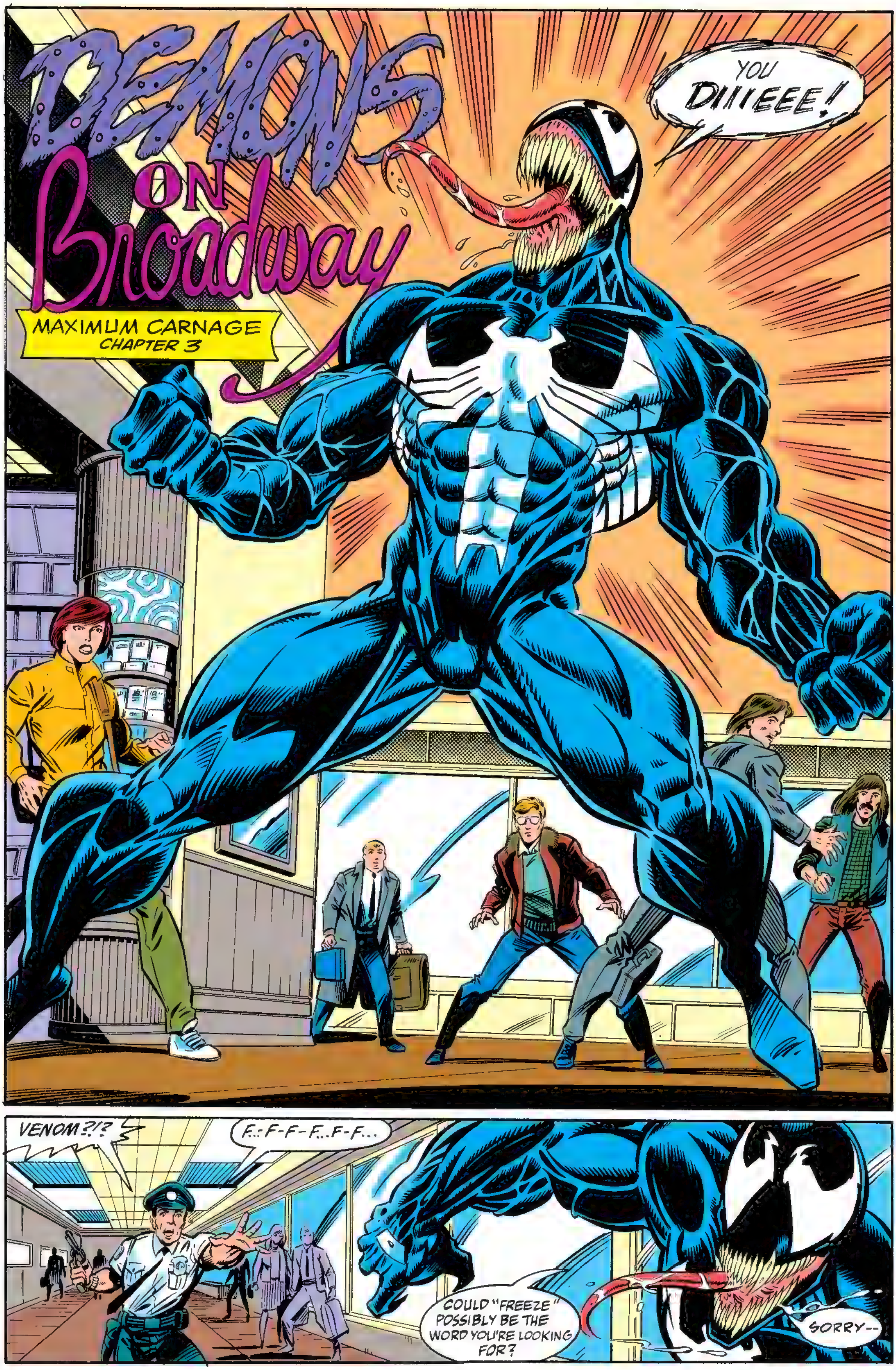
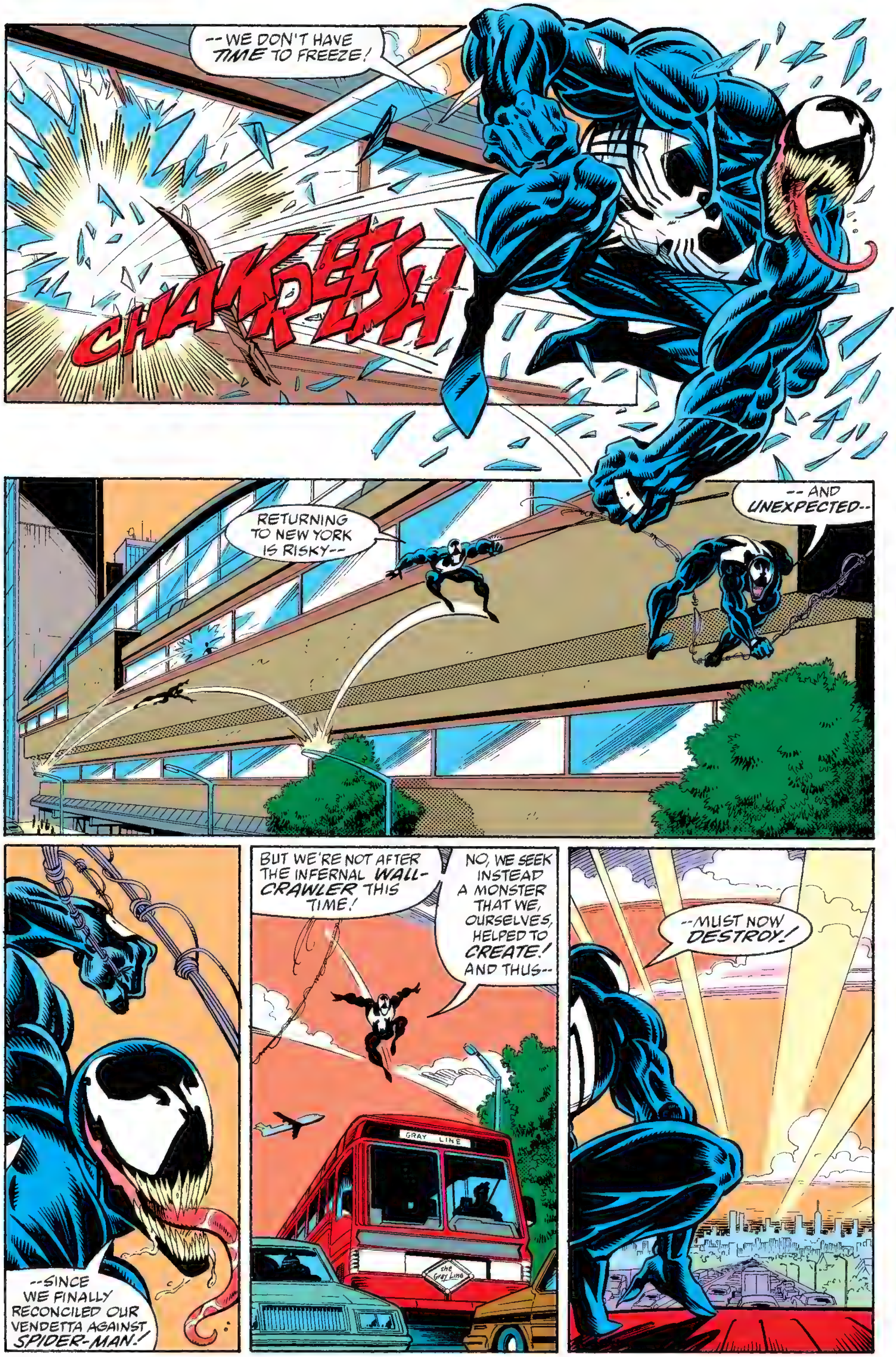
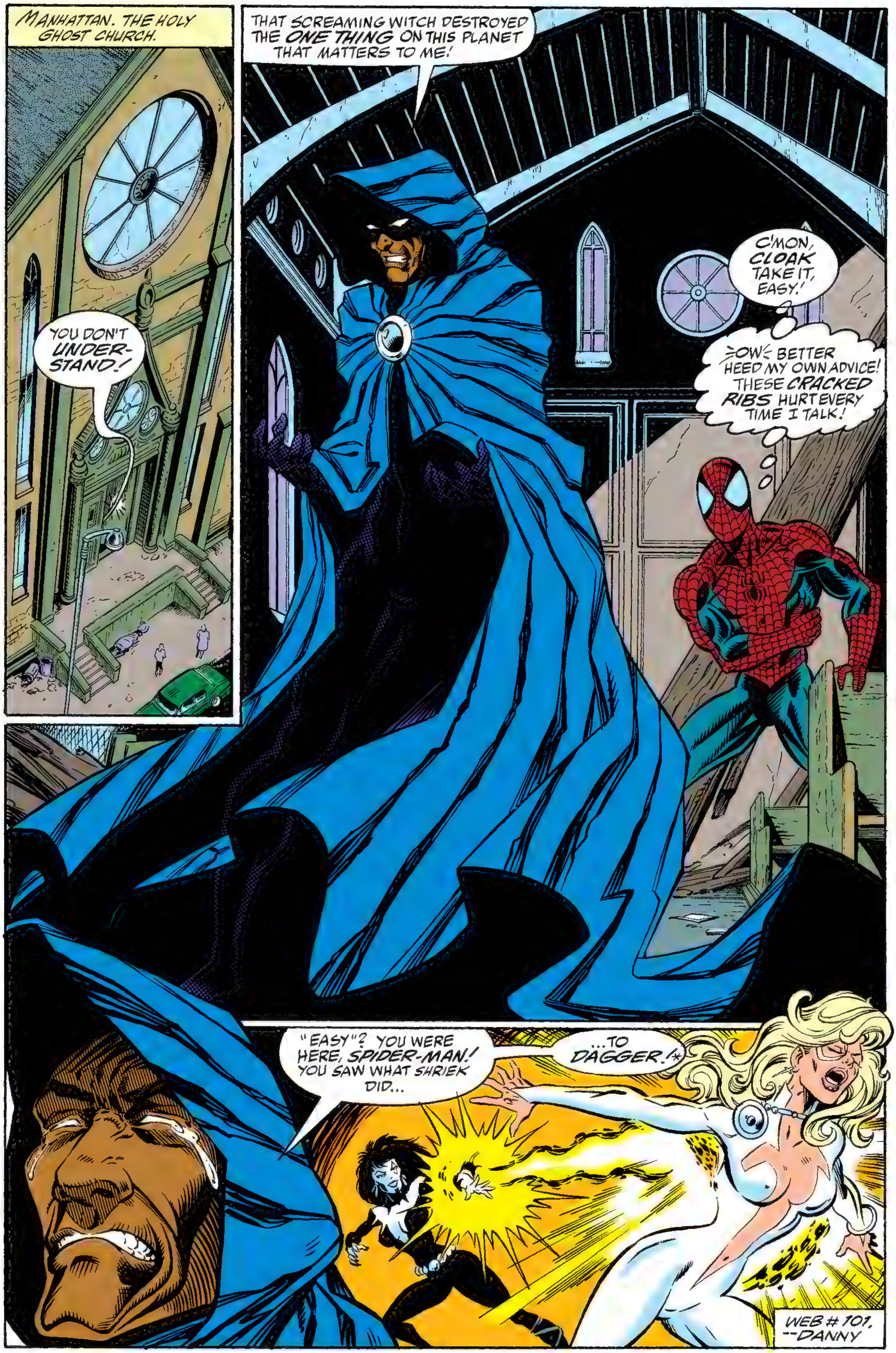
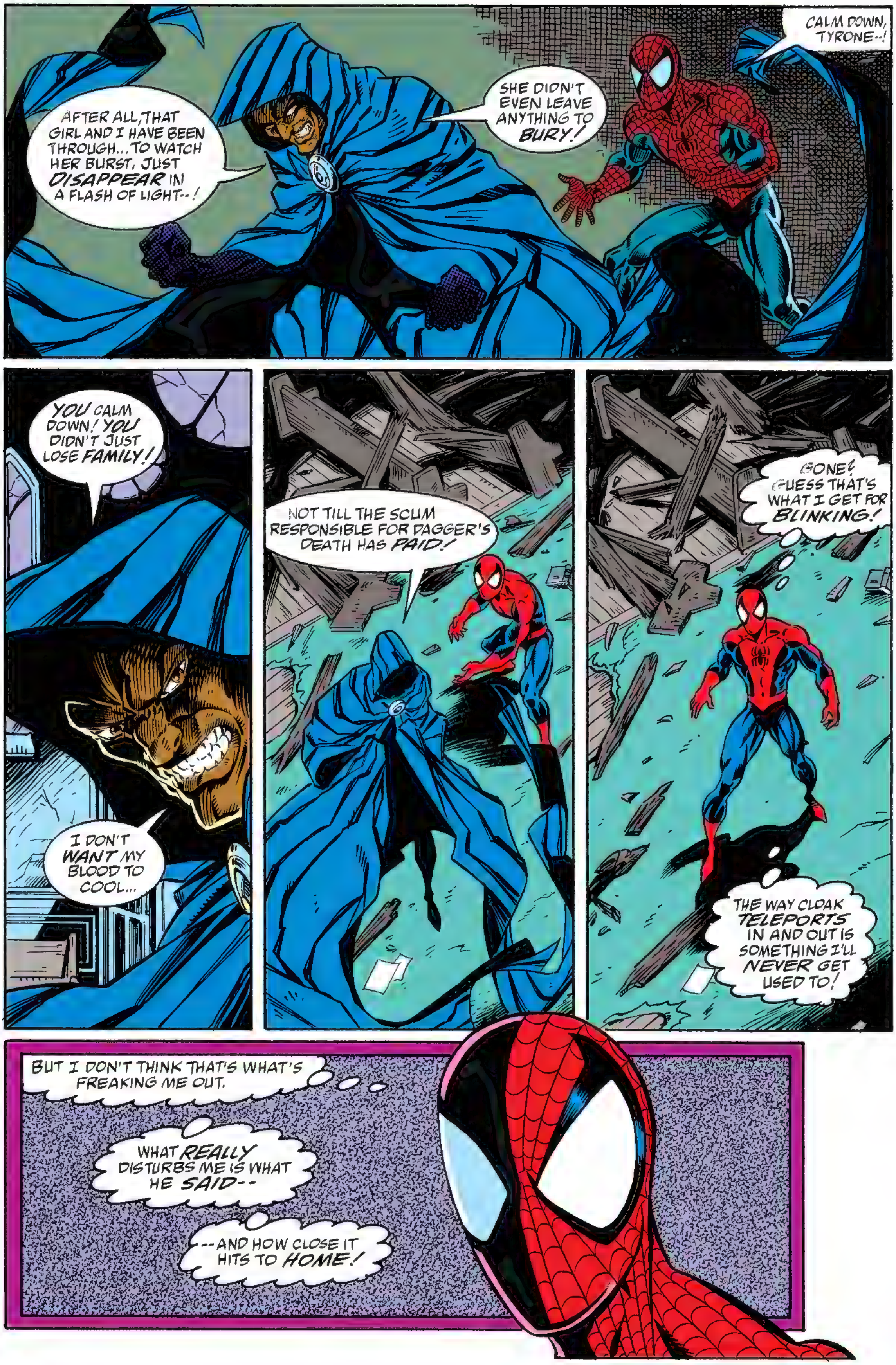
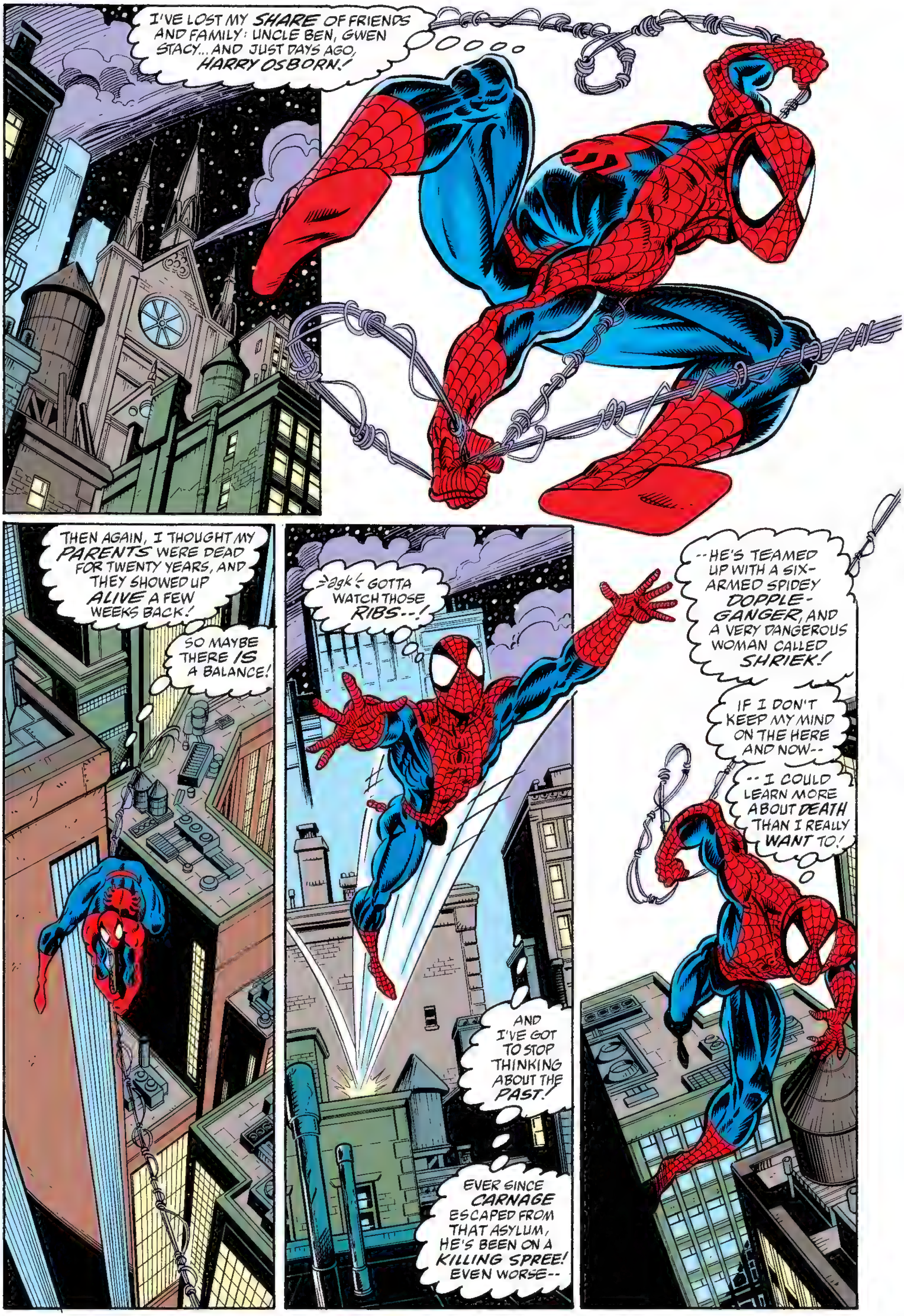

NEW YORK'S LAGUARDIA AIRPORT, WHERE ARRIVING FLIGHT 719 FROM SAN FRANCISCO--
--HAS JUST DISEMBARKED EDWARD BROCK, A PASSENGER WHOSE CASUAL ATTIRE HOLDS A STARTLING SECRET:
IT'S ALIVE!
BOOK
HEADLI
CARNAGE
THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE "CLOTHING" SHARES EDDIE'S THOUGHTS, HIS FEELINGS.
AND RIGHT NOW, THEIR COMMON MIND POOL IS A TURBULENT JUMBLE OF HATRED, DISGUST--
--AND RAGE!
YOU-- CARNAGE! WE THOUGHT WE WERE DONE WITH YOU!
BUT WE'VE COME BACK TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS TIME...
CARNAGE IN NEW YORK

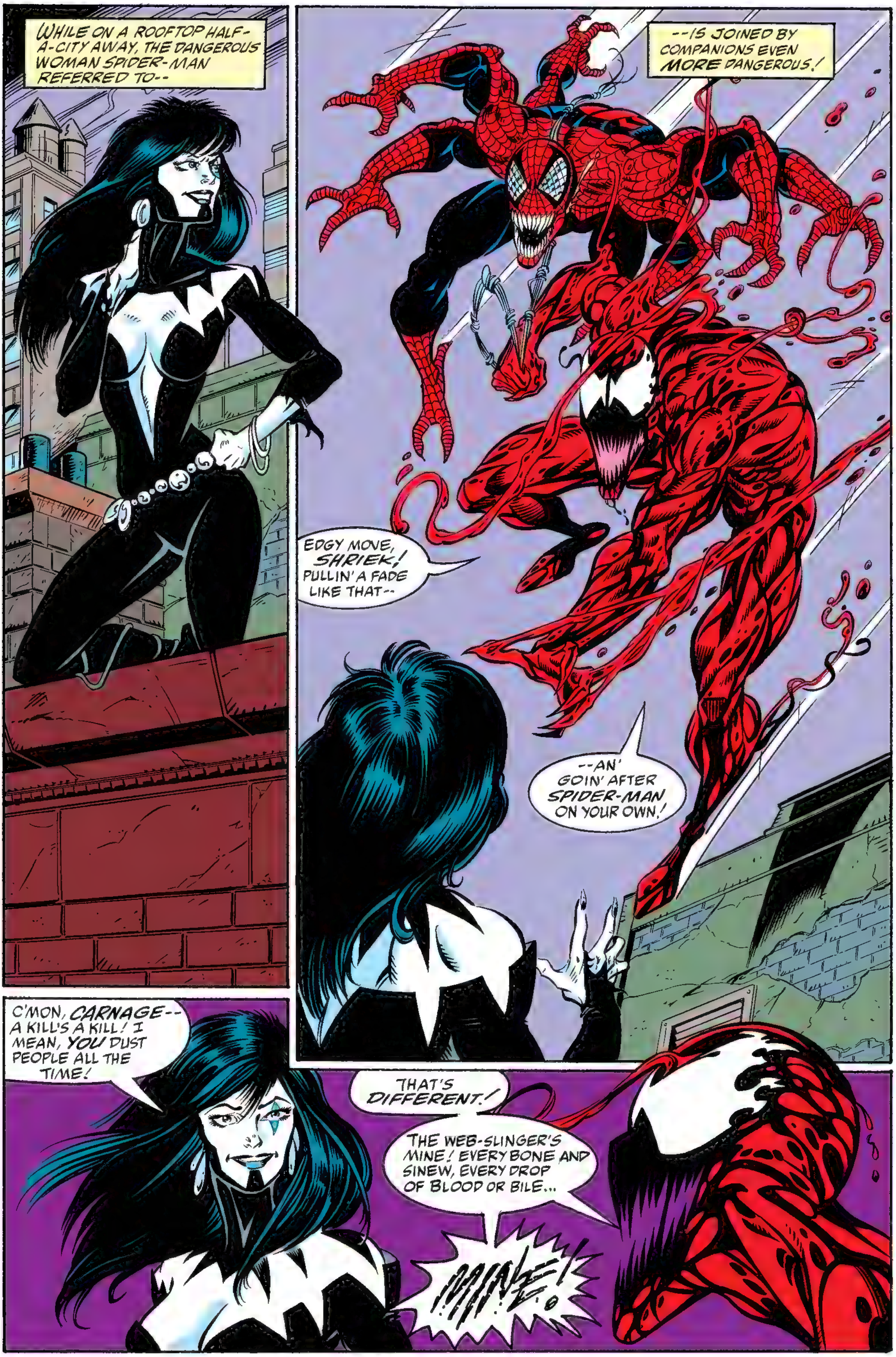

DEMONS ON Broadway
MAXIMUM CARNAGE CHAPTER 3
YOU DIIIEEE!
VENOM?!?
F..:F-F-F..F-F...
COULD "FREEZE" POSSIBLY BE THE WORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
SORRY--

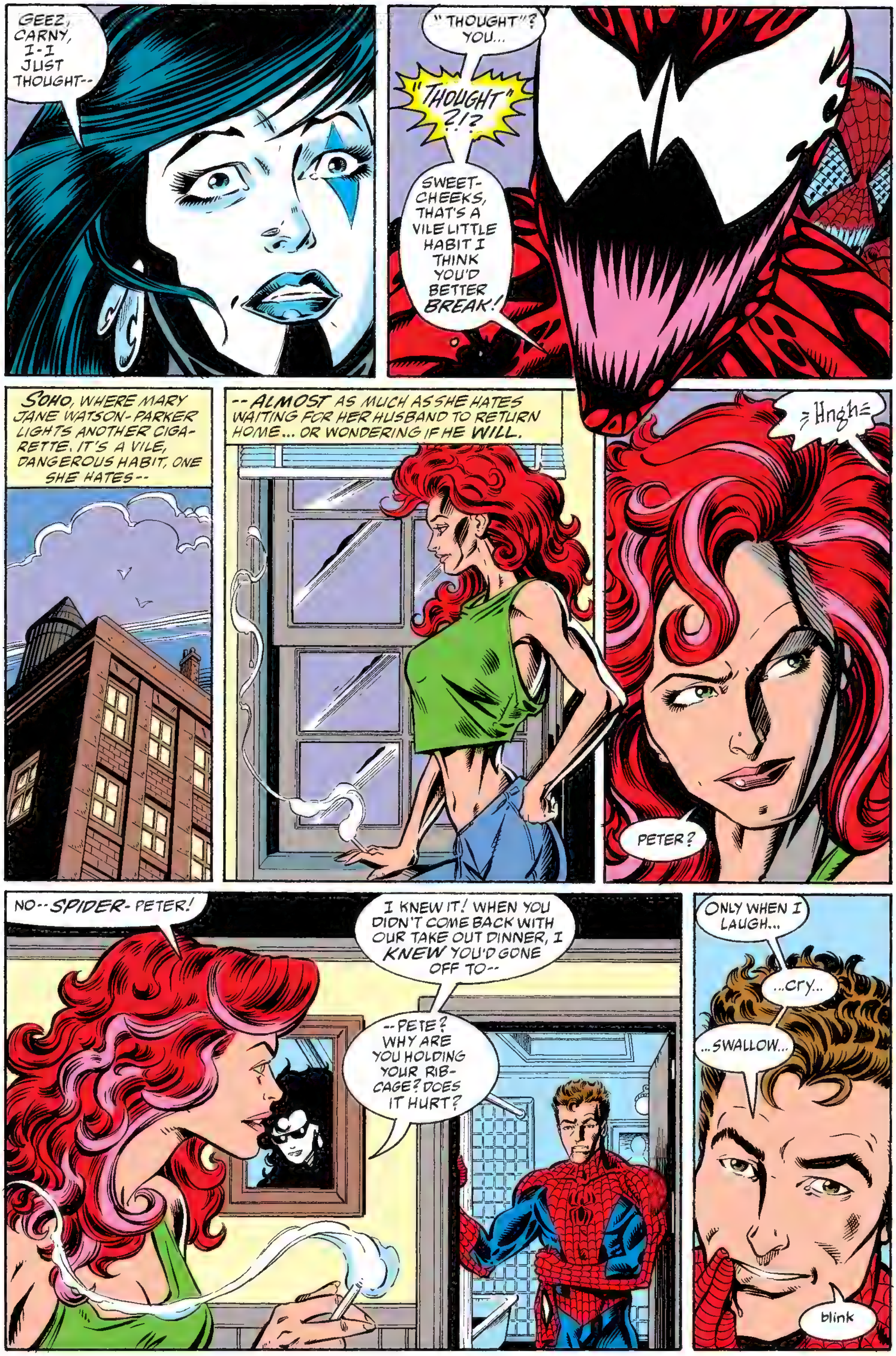

--WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FREEZE!
CHAKREESH
RETURNING TO NEW YORK IS RISKY--
--AND UNEXPECTED--
--SINCE WE FINALLY RECONCILED OUR VENDETTA AGAINST SPIDER-MAN!
BUT WE'RE NOT AFTER THE INFERNAL WALL-CRAWLER THIS TIME!
NO, WE SEEK INSTEAD A MONSTER THAT WE, OURSELVES, HELPED TO CREATE! AND THUS--
GRAY LINE
the Gray Line
--MUST NOW DESTROY!

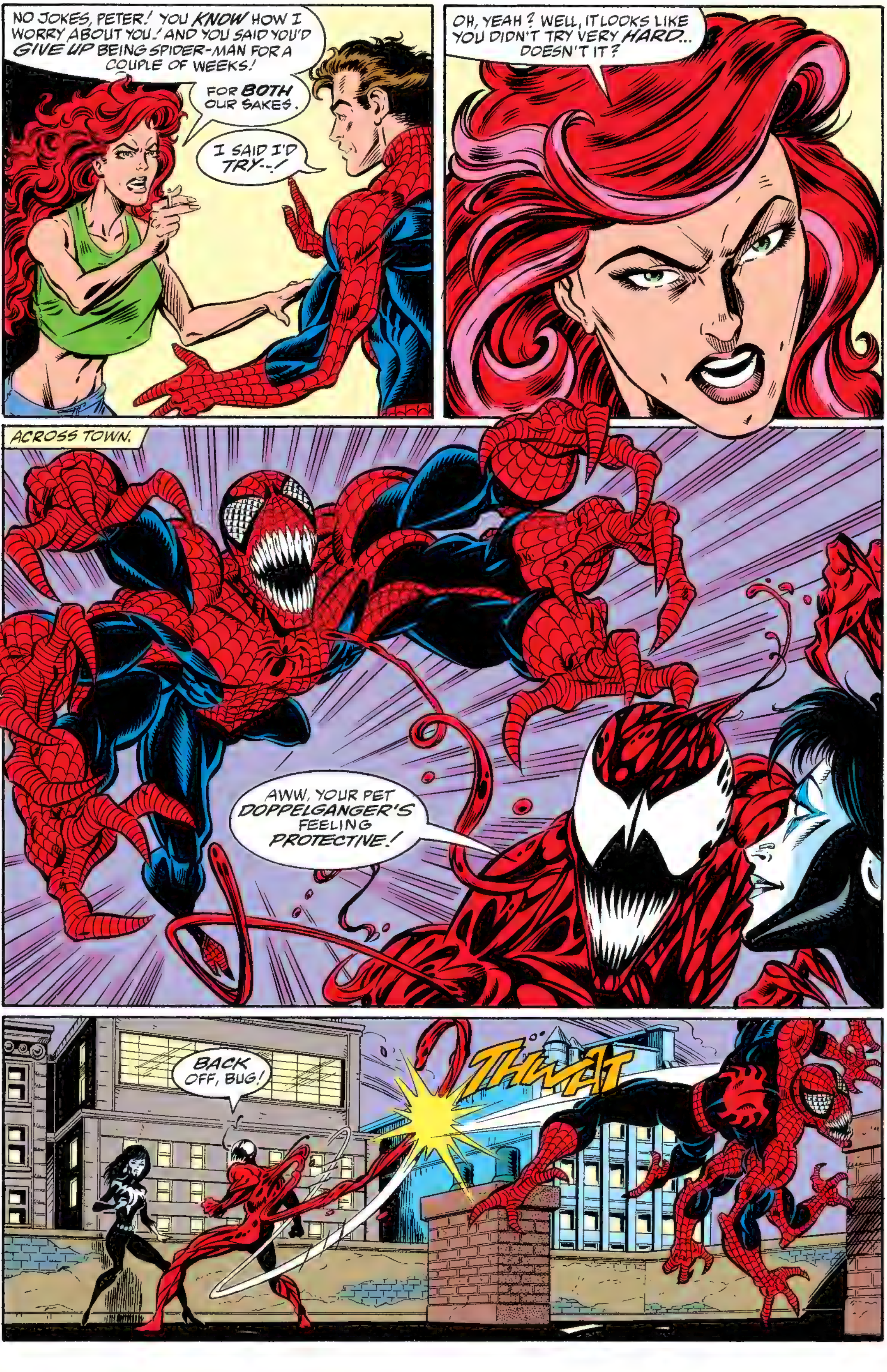

MANHATTAN. THE HOLY GHOST CHURCH.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
THAT SCREAMING WITCH DESTROYED THE ONE THING ON THIS PLANET THAT MATTERS TO ME!
C'MON, CLOAK, TAKE IT, EASY!
OW! BETTER HEED MY OWN ADVICE! THESE CRACKED RIBS HURT EVERY TIME I TALK!
"EASY"? YOU WERE HERE, SPIDER-MAN! YOU SAW WHAT SHRIEK DID...
...TO DAGGER!*
WEB #101. --DANNY

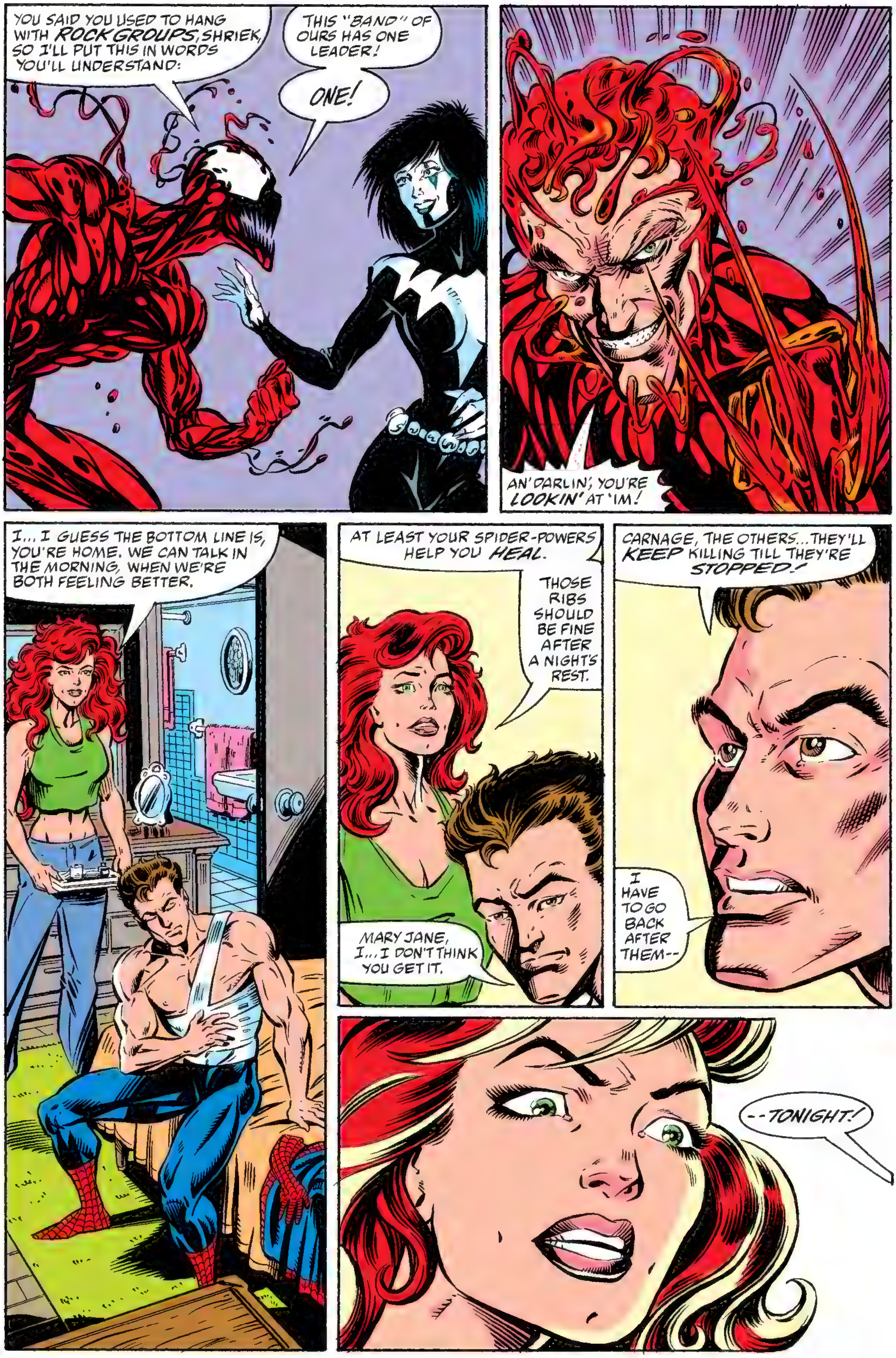

AFTER ALL, THAT GIRL AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH... TO WATCH HER BURST, JUST *DISAPPEAR* IN A FLASH OF LIGHT--!
SHE DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE ANYTHING TO *BURY!*
CALM DOWN, TYRONE--!
YOU CALM DOWN! *YOU* DIDN'T JUST LOSE *FAMILY!*
I DON'T *WANT* MY BLOOD TO COOL...
NOT TILL THE SCUM RESPONSIBLE FOR DAGGER'S DEATH HAS *PAID!*
GONE? GUESS THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR *BLINKING!*
THE WAY CLOAK *TELEPORTS* IN AND OUT IS SOMETHING I'LL *NEVER* GET USED TO!
BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT'S FREAKING ME OUT.
WHAT *REALLY* DISTURBS ME IS WHAT HE *SAID*--
--AND HOW CLOSE IT HITS TO *HOME!*

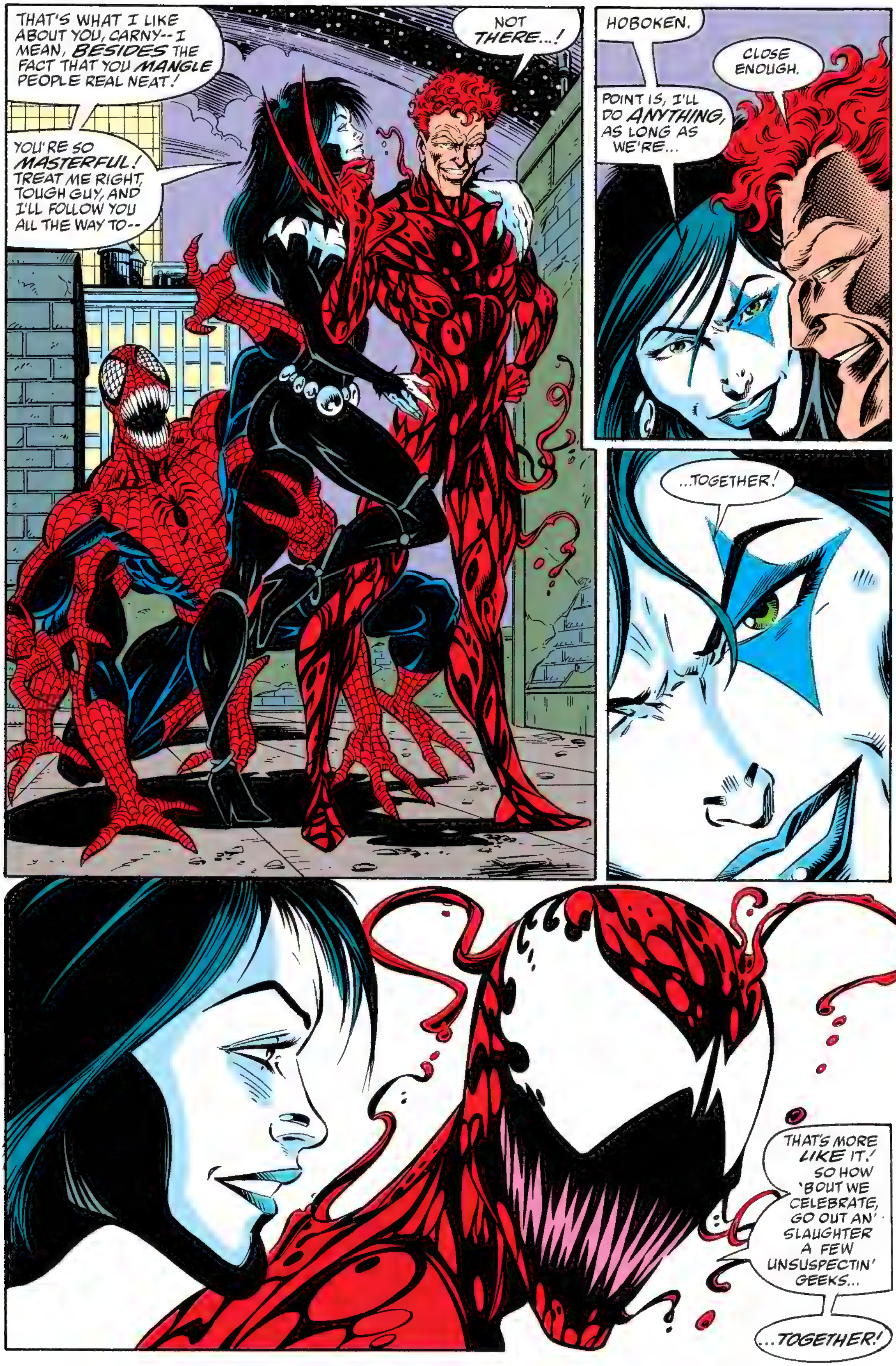

I'VE LOST MY *SHARE* OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY: UNCLE BEN, GWEN STACY... AND JUST DAYS AGO, *HARRY OSBORN!*
THEN AGAIN, I THOUGHT MY *PARENTS* WERE DEAD FOR TWENTY YEARS, AND THEY SHOWED UP *ALIVE* A FEW WEEKS BACK!
SO MAYBE THERE *IS* A BALANCE!
≥agk≤ GOTTA WATCH THOSE *RIBS--!*
AND I'VE GOT TO STOP THINKING ABOUT THE *PAST!*
EVER SINCE *CARNAGE* ESCAPED FROM THAT ASYLUM, HE'S BEEN ON A *KILLING SPREE!* EVEN WORSE--
--HE'S TEAMED UP WITH A SIX-ARMED SPIDEY *DOPPLEGANGER,* AND A VERY DANGEROUS WOMAN CALLED *SHRIEK!*
IF I DON'T KEEP MY MIND ON THE HERE AND NOW--
--I COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT *DEATH* THAN I REALLY *WANT* TO!

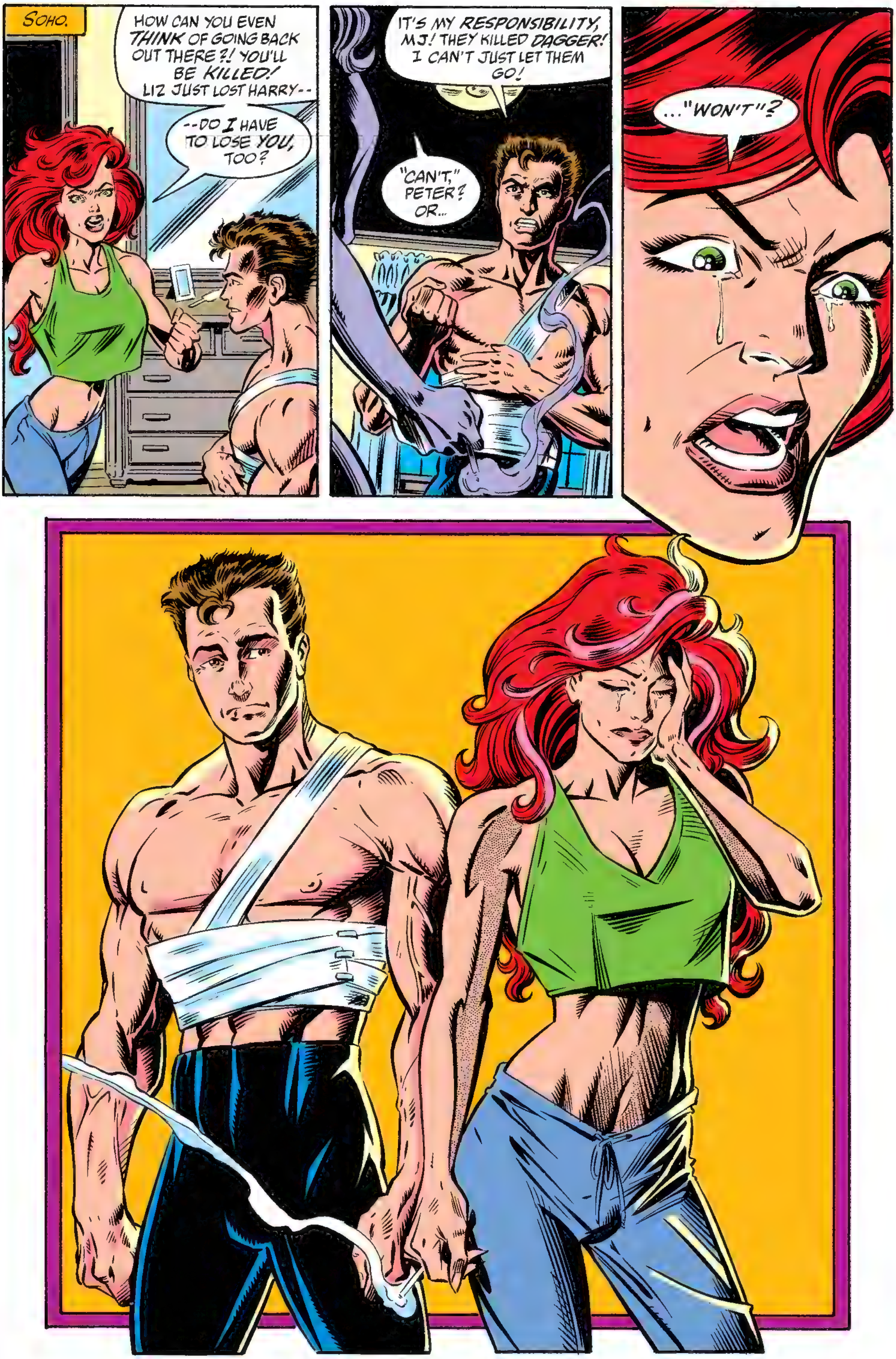

WHILE ON A ROOFTOP HALF-A-CITY AWAY, THE DANGEROUS WOMAN SPIDER-MAN REFERRED TO--
--IS JOINED BY COMPANIONS EVEN MORE DANGEROUS!
EDGY MOVE, SHRIEK! PULLIN' A FADE LIKE THAT--
--AN' GOIN' AFTER SPIDER-MAN ON YOUR OWN!
C'MON, CARNAGE-- A KILL'S A KILL! I MEAN, YOU DUST PEOPLE ALL THE TIME!
THAT'S DIFFERENT!
THE WEB-SLINGER'S MINE! EVERY BONE AND SINEW, EVERY DROP OF BLOOD OR BILE...
MINE!

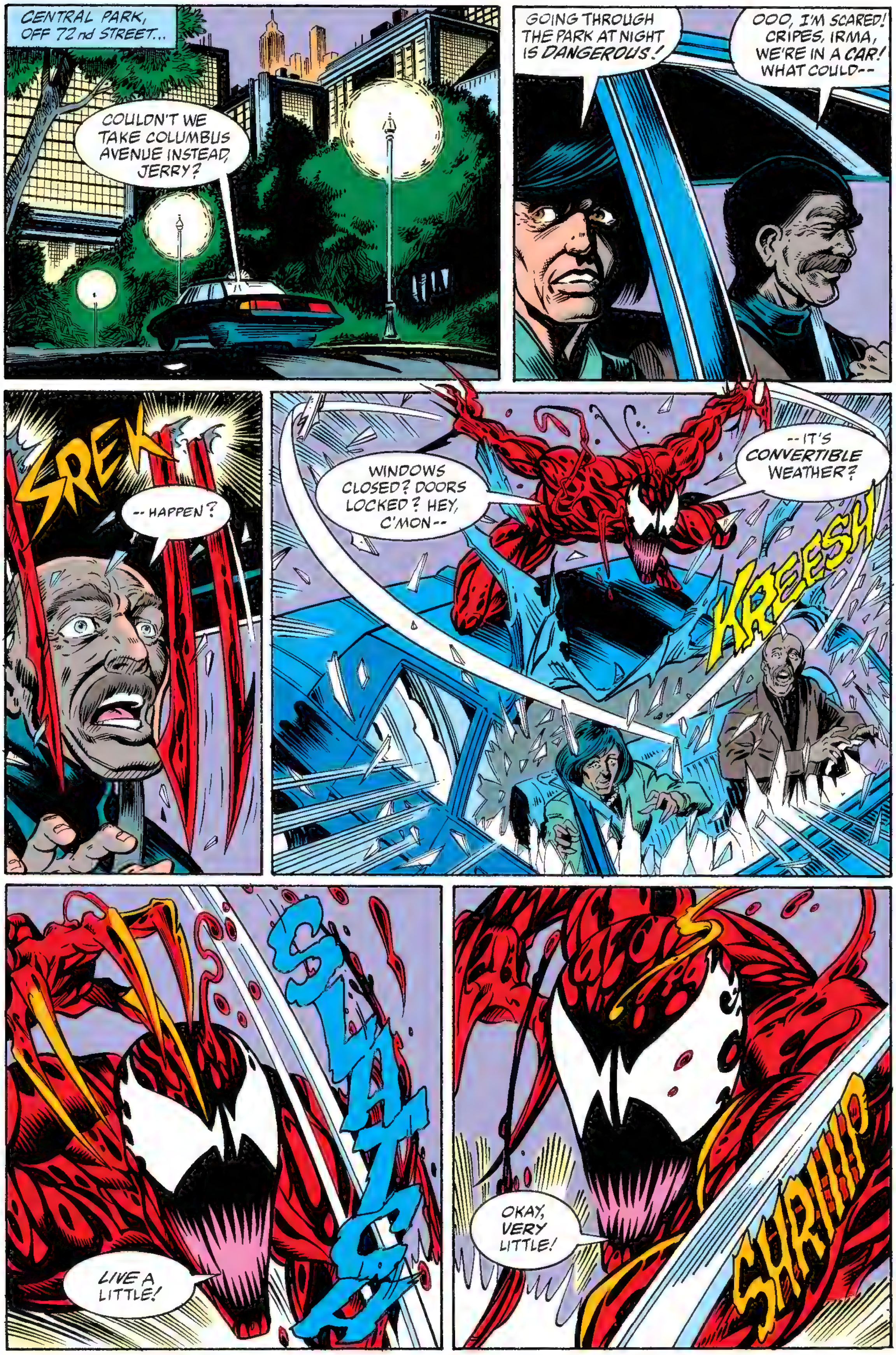

GEEZ, CARNY, I-I JUST THOUGHT--
"THOUGHT"? YOU...
"THOUGHT" ?!?
SWEET-CHEEKS, THAT'S A VILE LITTLE HABIT I THINK YOU'D BETTER BREAK!
SOHO, WHERE MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER LIGHTS ANOTHER CIGARETTE. IT'S A VILE, DANGEROUS HABIT, ONE SHE HATES--
--ALMOST AS MUCH AS SHE HATES WAITING FOR HER HUSBAND TO RETURN HOME... OR WONDERING IF HE WILL.
Hngh
PETER?
NO--SPIDER-PETER!
I KNEW IT! WHEN YOU DIDN'T COME BACK WITH OUR TAKE OUT DINNER, I KNEW YOU'D GONE OFF TO--
--PETE? WHY ARE YOU HOLDING YOUR RIB-CAGE? DOES IT HURT?
ONLY WHEN I LAUGH...
...cry...
...SWALLOW...
blink

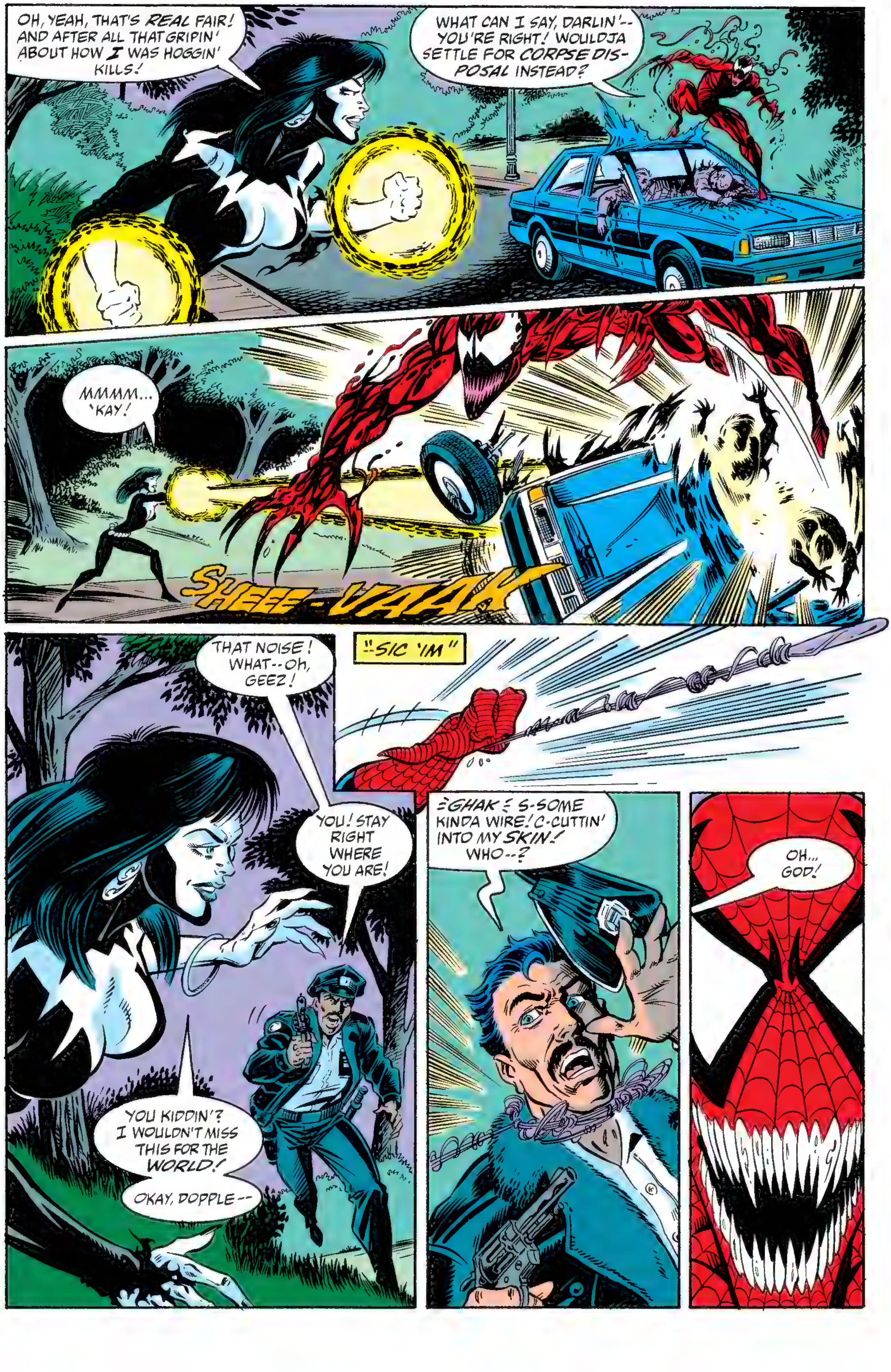

NO JOKES, PETER! YOU *KNOW* HOW I WORRY ABOUT YOU! AND YOU SAID YOU'D *GIVE UP* BEING SPIDER-MAN FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS!
FOR *BOTH* OUR SAKES.
I SAID I'D *TRY*--!
OH, YEAH? WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DIDN'T TRY VERY *HARD*.. DOESN'T IT?
ACROSS TOWN.
AWW, YOUR PET *DOPPELGANGER'S* FEELING *PROTECTIVE*!
BACK OFF, BUG!
THWAT

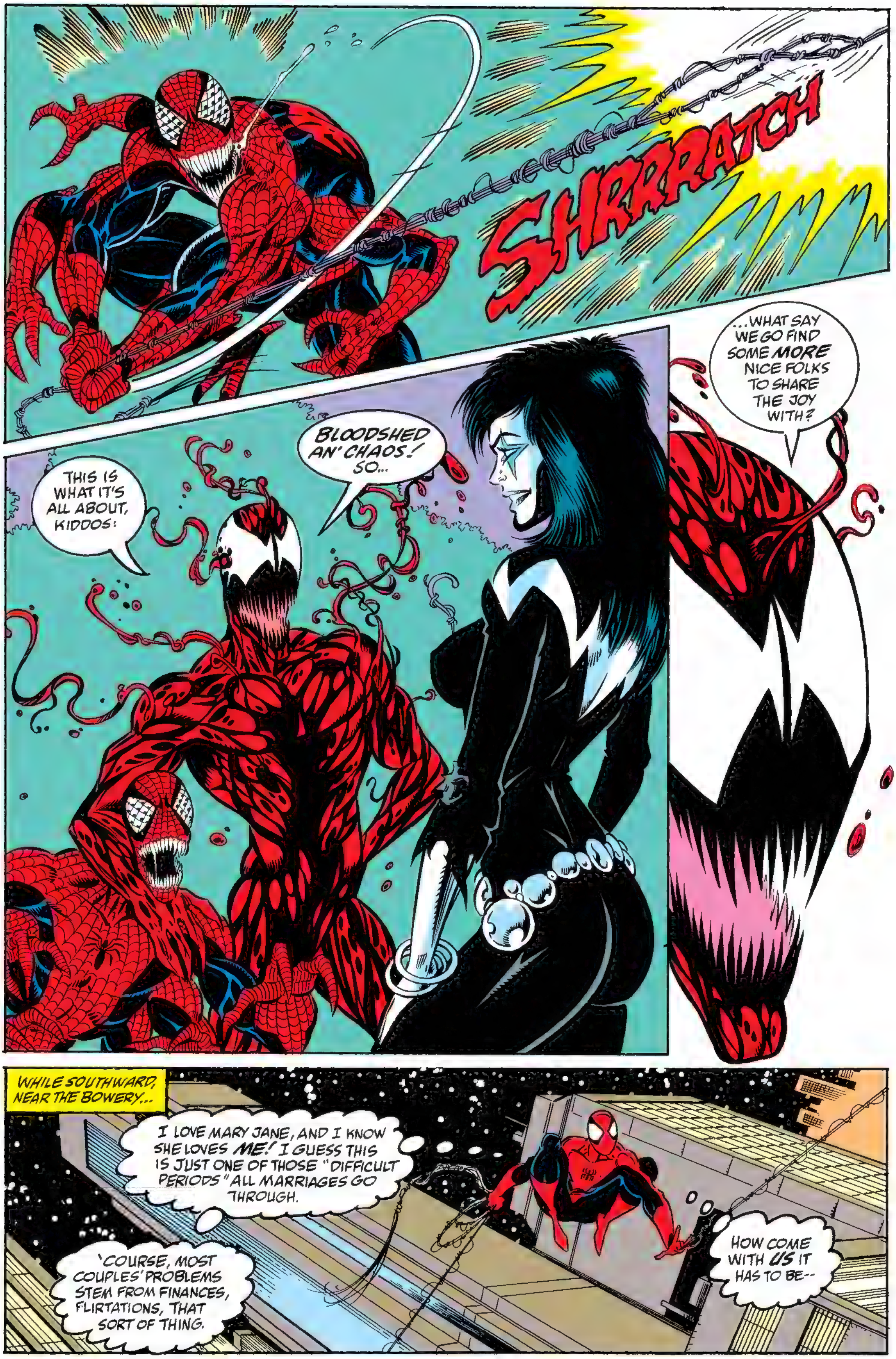

YOU SAID YOU USED TO HANG WITH *ROCK GROUPS*, SHRIEK, SO I'LL PUT THIS IN WORDS YOU'LL UNDERSTAND:
THIS "BAND" OF OURS HAS ONE LEADER!
ONE!
AN' DARLIN', YOU'RE *LOOKIN'* AT 'IM!
I... I GUESS THE BOTTOM LINE IS, YOU'RE HOME. WE CAN TALK IN THE MORNING, WHEN WE'RE BOTH FEELING BETTER.
AT LEAST YOUR SPIDER-POWERS HELP YOU *HEAL*.
THOSE RIBS SHOULD BE FINE AFTER A NIGHT'S REST.
MARY JANE, I... I DON'T THINK YOU GET IT.
CARNAGE, THE OTHERS... THEY'LL *KEEP* KILLING TILL THEY'RE *STOPPED!*
I HAVE TO GO BACK AFTER THEM--
--*TONIGHT!*

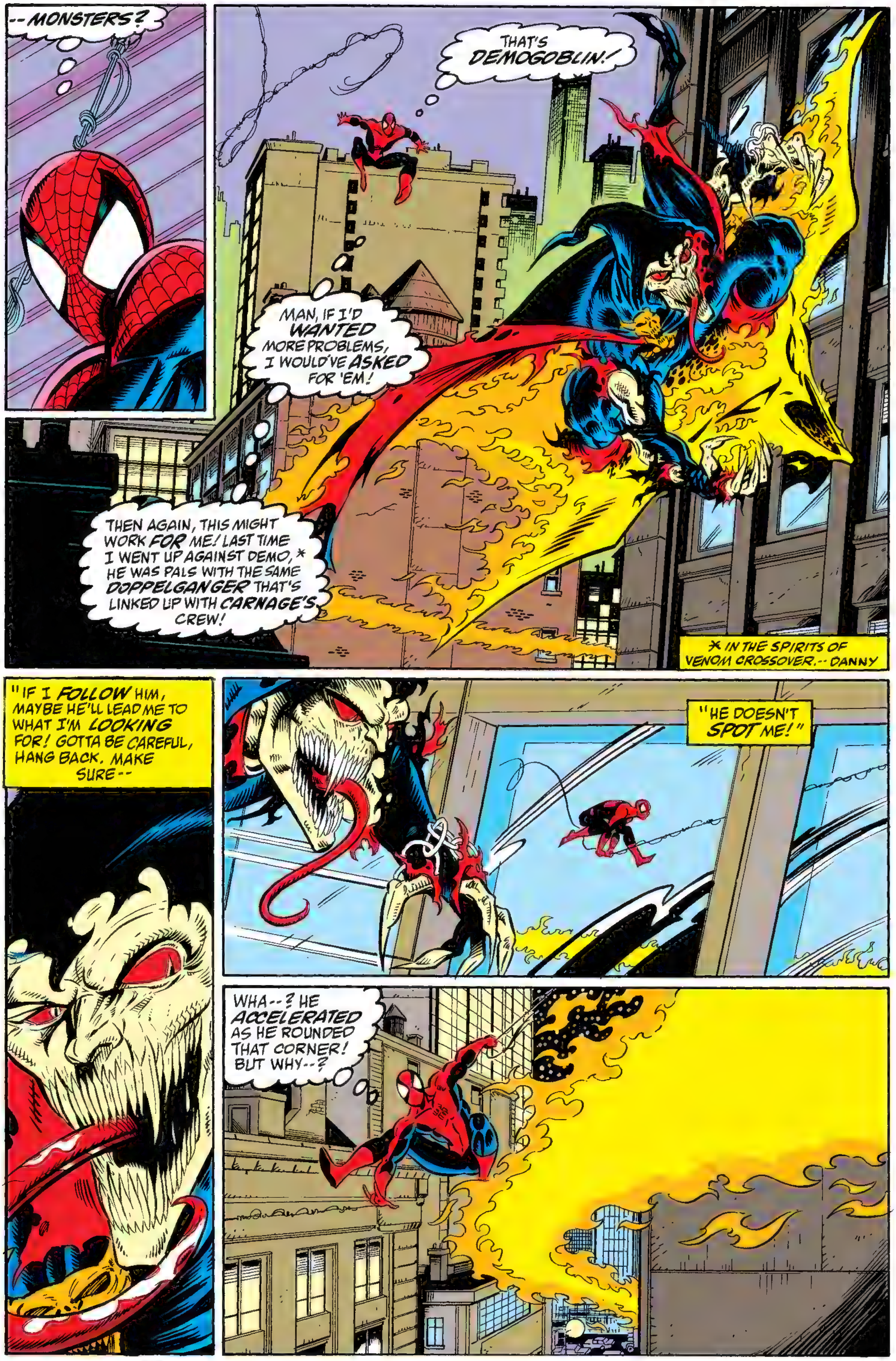

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, CARNY-- I MEAN, *BESIDES* THE FACT THAT YOU *MANGLE* PEOPLE REAL NEAT!
YOU'RE SO *MASTERFUL!* TREAT ME RIGHT, TOUGH GUY, AND I'LL FOLLOW YOU ALL THE WAY TO--
NOT *THERE*...!
HOBOKEN.
CLOSE ENOUGH.
POINT IS, I'LL DO *ANYTHING*, AS LONG AS WE'RE...
...TOGETHER!
THAT'S MORE *LIKE* IT! SO HOW 'BOUT WE CELEBRATE, GO OUT AN' SLAUGHTER A FEW UNSUSPECTIN' GEEKS...
...*TOGETHER!*

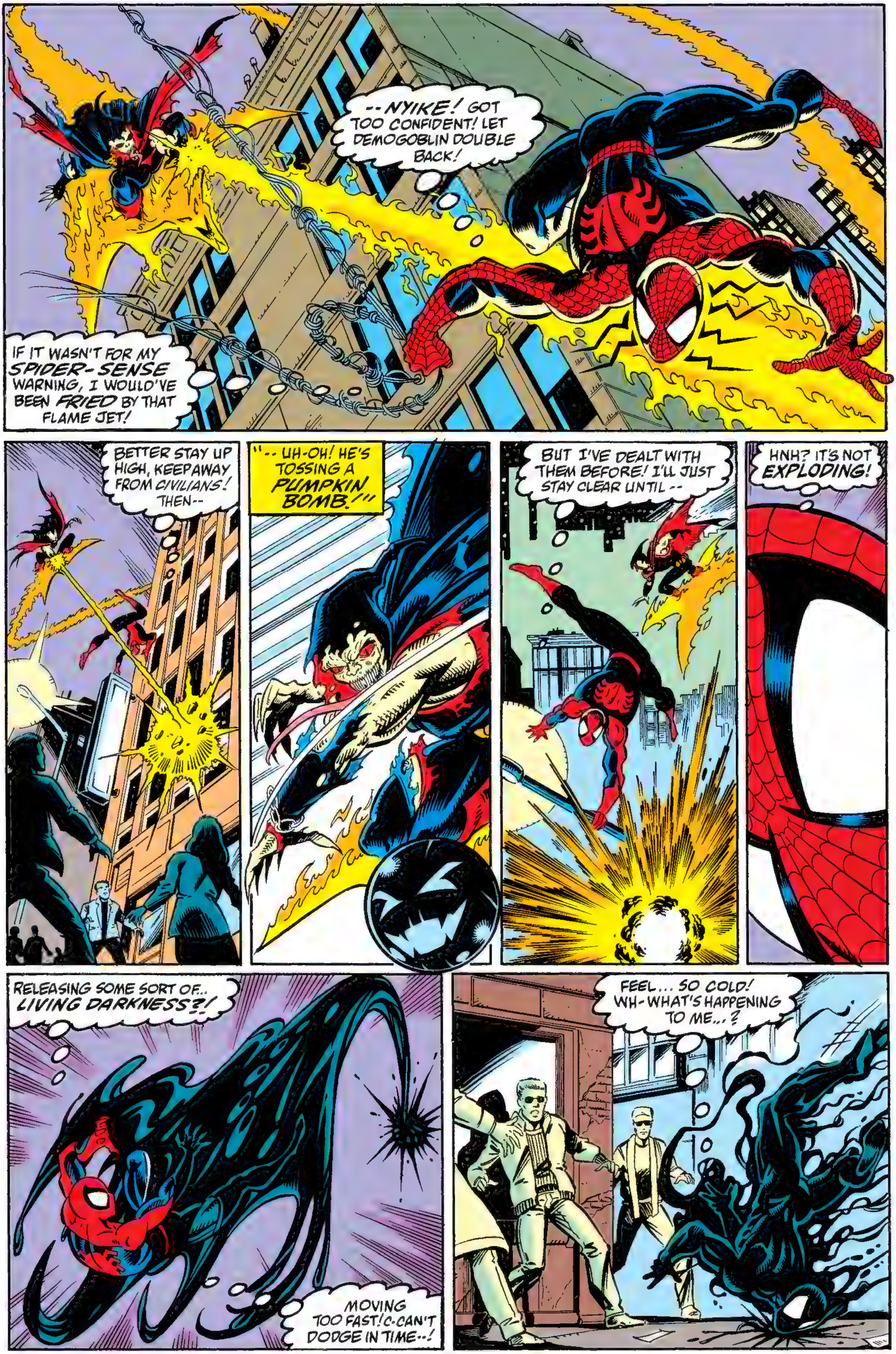

SOHO.
HOW CAN YOU EVEN *THINK* OF GOING BACK OUT THERE?! YOU'LL BE *KILLED!* LIZ JUST LOST HARRY--
--DO *I* HAVE TO LOSE *YOU,* TOO?
IT'S MY *RESPONSIBILITY,* MJ! THEY KILLED *DAGGER!* I CAN'T JUST LET THEM GO!
"CAN'T," PETER? OR...
..."WON'T"?

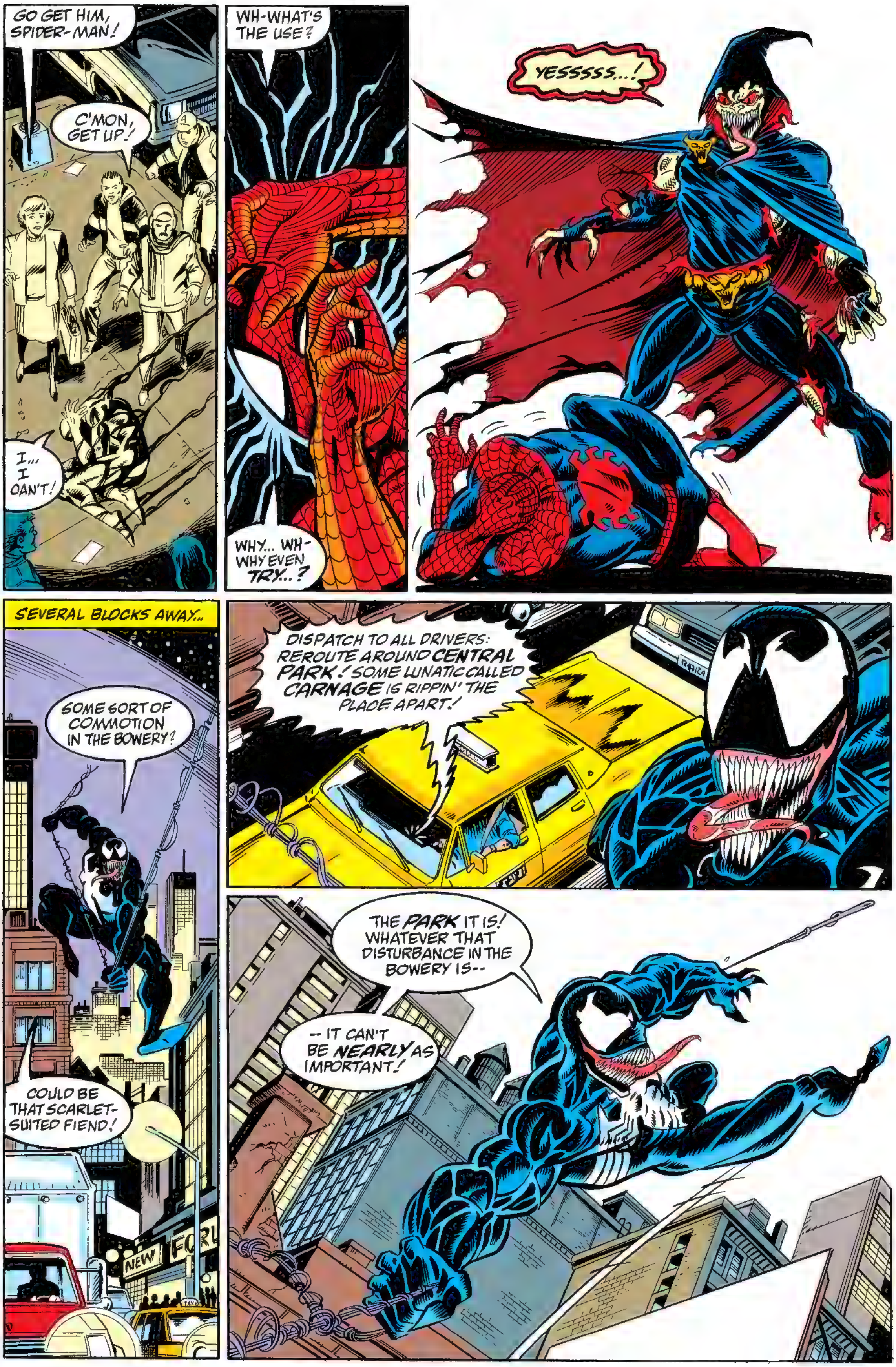

CENTRAL PARK, OFF 72nd STREET...
COULDN'T WE TAKE COLUMBUS AVENUE INSTEAD, JERRY?
GOING THROUGH THE PARK AT NIGHT IS *DANGEROUS!*
OOO, I'M SCARED! CRIPES, IRMA, WE'RE IN A *CAR!* WHAT COULD--
SREK
--HAPPEN?
WINDOWS CLOSED? DOORS LOCKED? HEY, C'MON--
--IT'S CONVERTIBLE WEATHER?
KREESH
LIVE A LITTLE!
SLASH
OKAY, VERY LITTLE!
SHHHP

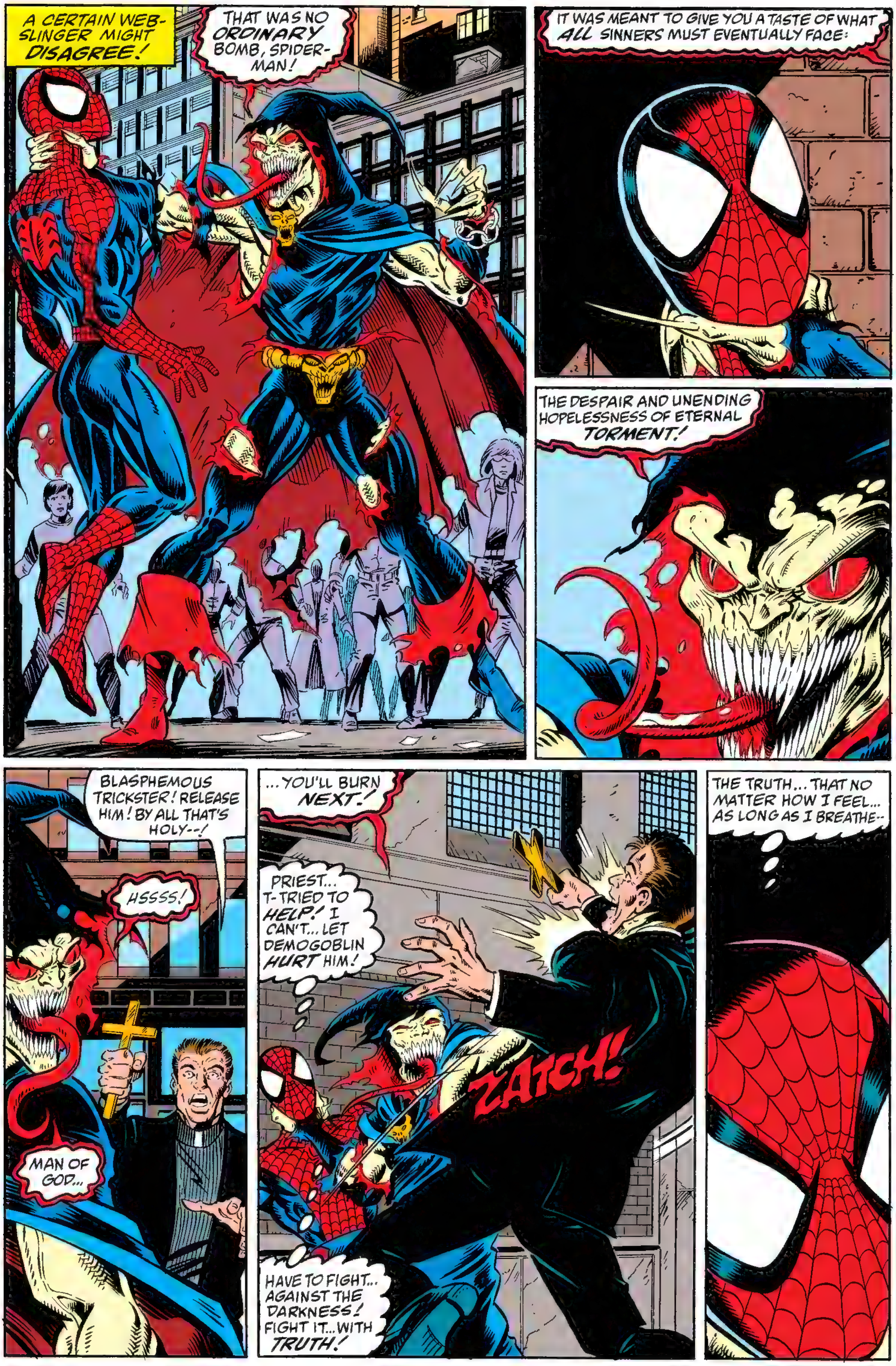

OH, YEAH, THAT'S REAL FAIR! AND AFTER ALL THAT GRIPIN' ABOUT HOW I WAS HOGGIN' KILLS!
WHAT CAN I SAY, DARLIN'-- YOU'RE RIGHT! WOULDJA SETTLE FOR CORPSE DISPOSAL INSTEAD?
MMMM... 'KAY!
SHEEE-VAAK
THAT NOISE! WHAT--Oh, GEEZ!
YOU! STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!
YOU KIDDIN'? I WOULDN'T MISS THIS FOR THE WORLD!
OKAY, DOPPLE--
--SIC 'IM"
GHAK S-SOME KINDA WIRE! C-CUTTIN' INTO MY SKIN! WHO--?
OH... GOD!

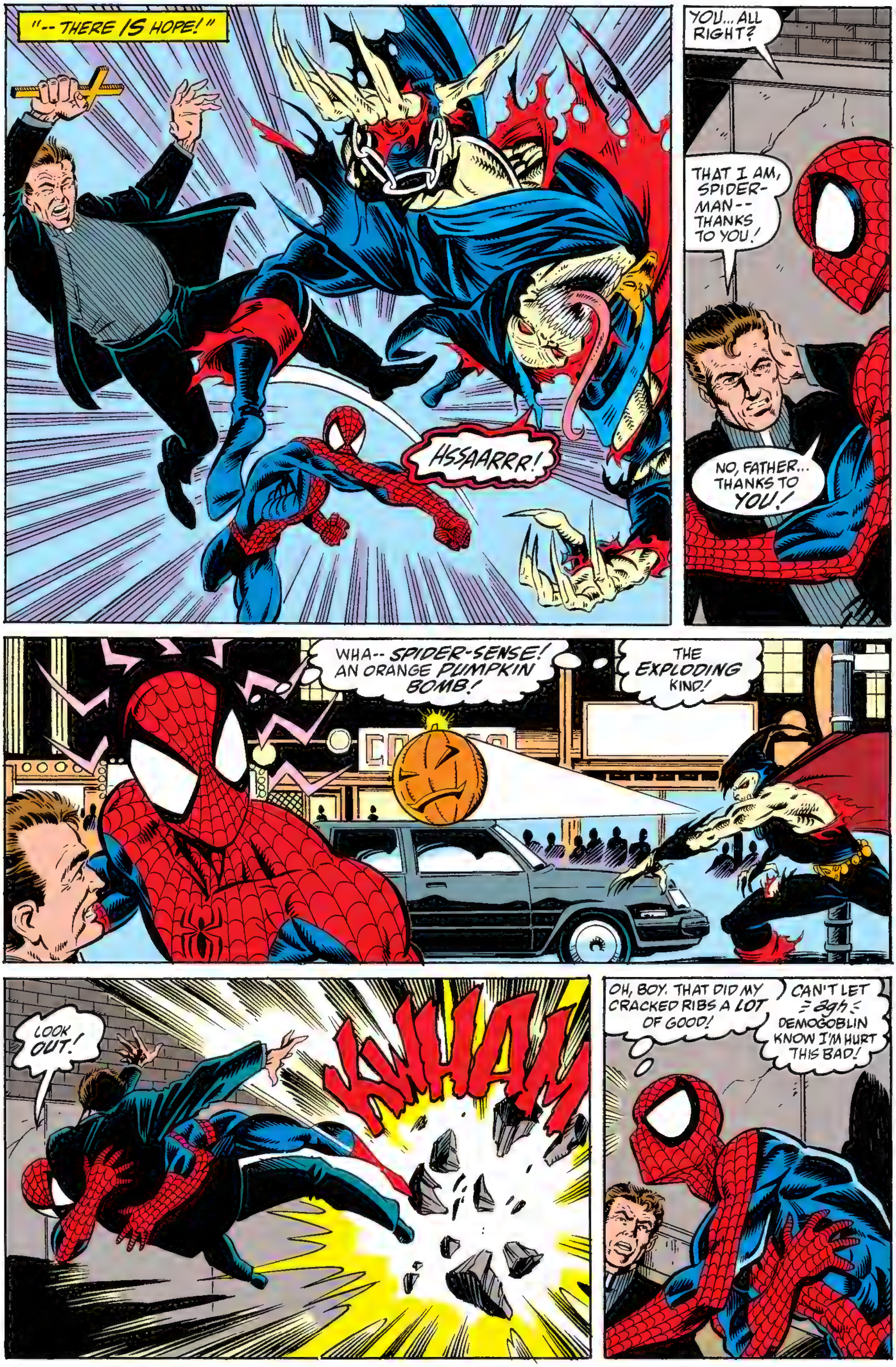

SHRRRATCH
THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, KIDDOS:
BLOODSHED AN' CHAOS! SO...
...WHAT SAY WE GO FIND SOME MORE NICE FOLKS TO SHARE THE JOY WITH?
WHILE SOUTHWARD, NEAR THE BOWERY...
I LOVE MARY JANE, AND I KNOW SHE LOVES ME! I GUESS THIS IS JUST ONE OF THOSE "DIFFICULT PERIODS" ALL MARRIAGES GO THROUGH.
'COURSE, MOST COUPLES' PROBLEMS STEM FROM FINANCES, FLIRTATIONS, THAT SORT OF THING.
HOW COME WITH US IT HAS TO BE--

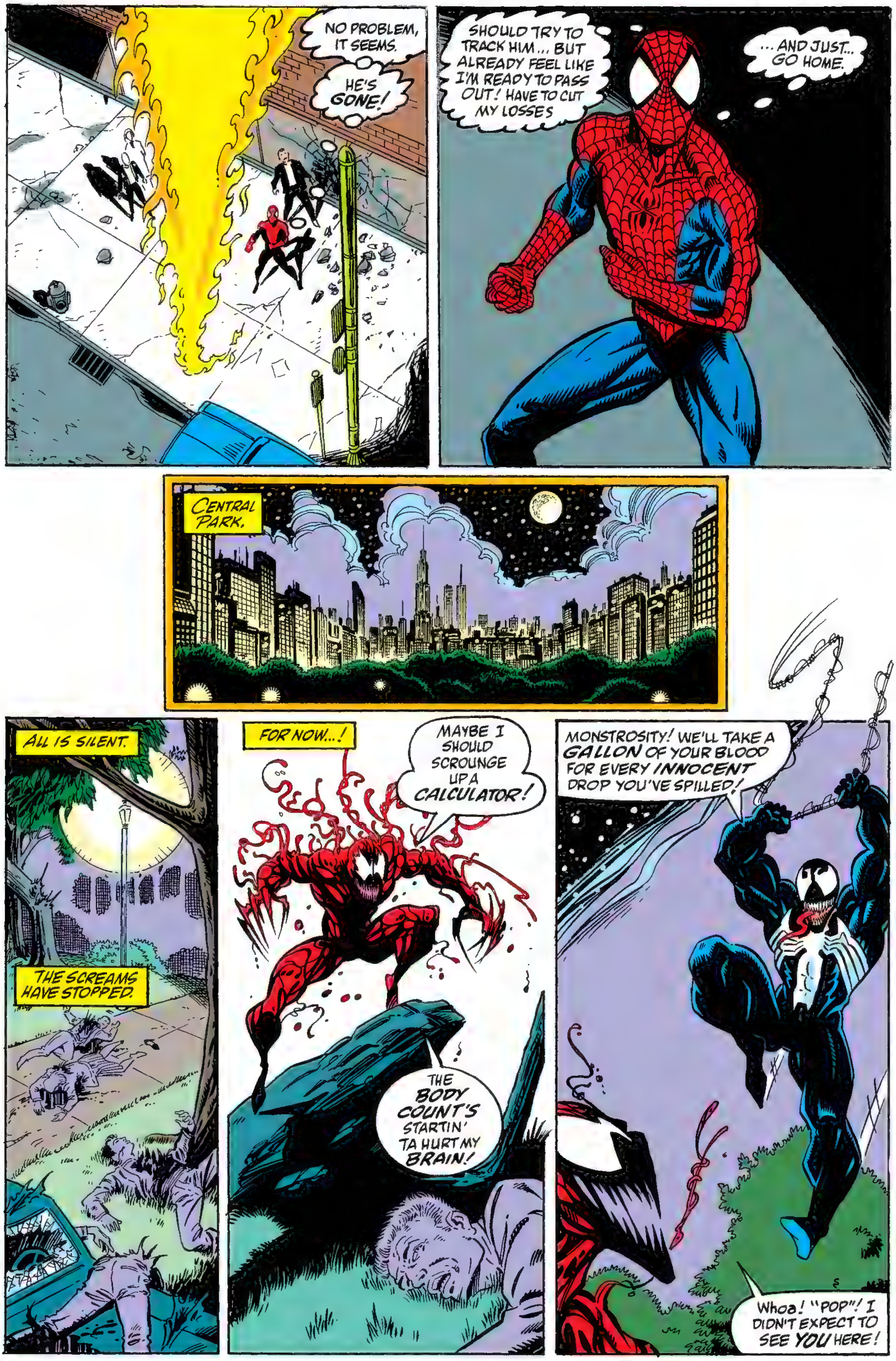

--MONSTERS?
THAT'S DEMOGOBLIN!
MAN, IF I'D WANTED MORE PROBLEMS, I WOULD'VE ASKED FOR 'EM!
THEN AGAIN, THIS MIGHT WORK FOR ME! LAST TIME I WENT UP AGAINST DEMO,* HE WAS PALS WITH THE SAME DOPPELGANGER THAT'S LINKED UP WITH CARNAGE'S CREW!
* IN THE SPIRITS OF VENOM CROSSOVER.--DANNY
"IF I FOLLOW HIM, MAYBE HE'LL LEAD ME TO WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR! GOTTA BE CAREFUL, HANG BACK. MAKE SURE--
"HE DOESN'T SPOT ME!"
WHA--? HE ACCELERATED AS HE ROUNDED THAT CORNER! BUT WHY--?

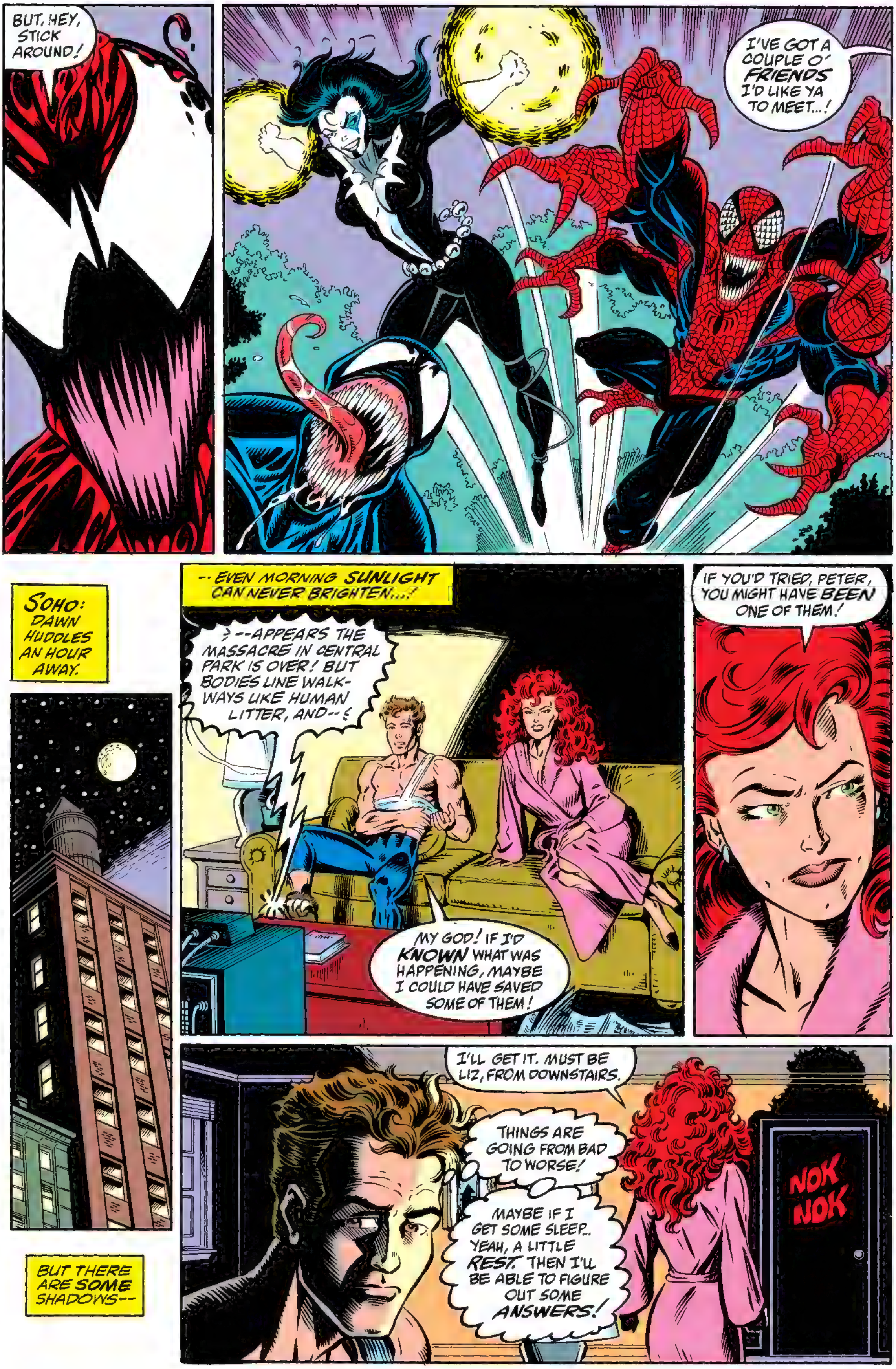

--NYIKE! GOT TOO CONFIDENT! LET DEMOGOBLIN DOUBLE BACK!
IF IT WASN'T FOR MY SPIDER-SENSE WARNING, I WOULD'VE BEEN FRIED BY THAT FLAME JET!
BETTER STAY UP HIGH, KEEP AWAY FROM CIVILIANS! THEN--
"--UH-OH! HE'S TOSSING A PUMPKIN BOMB!"
BUT I'VE DEALT WITH THEM BEFORE! I'LL JUST STAY CLEAR UNTIL--
HNH? IT'S NOT EXPLODING!
RELEASING SOME SORT OF.. LIVING DARKNESS?!
MOVING TOO FAST! C-CAN'T DODGE IN TIME--!
FEEL... SO COLD! WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME...?

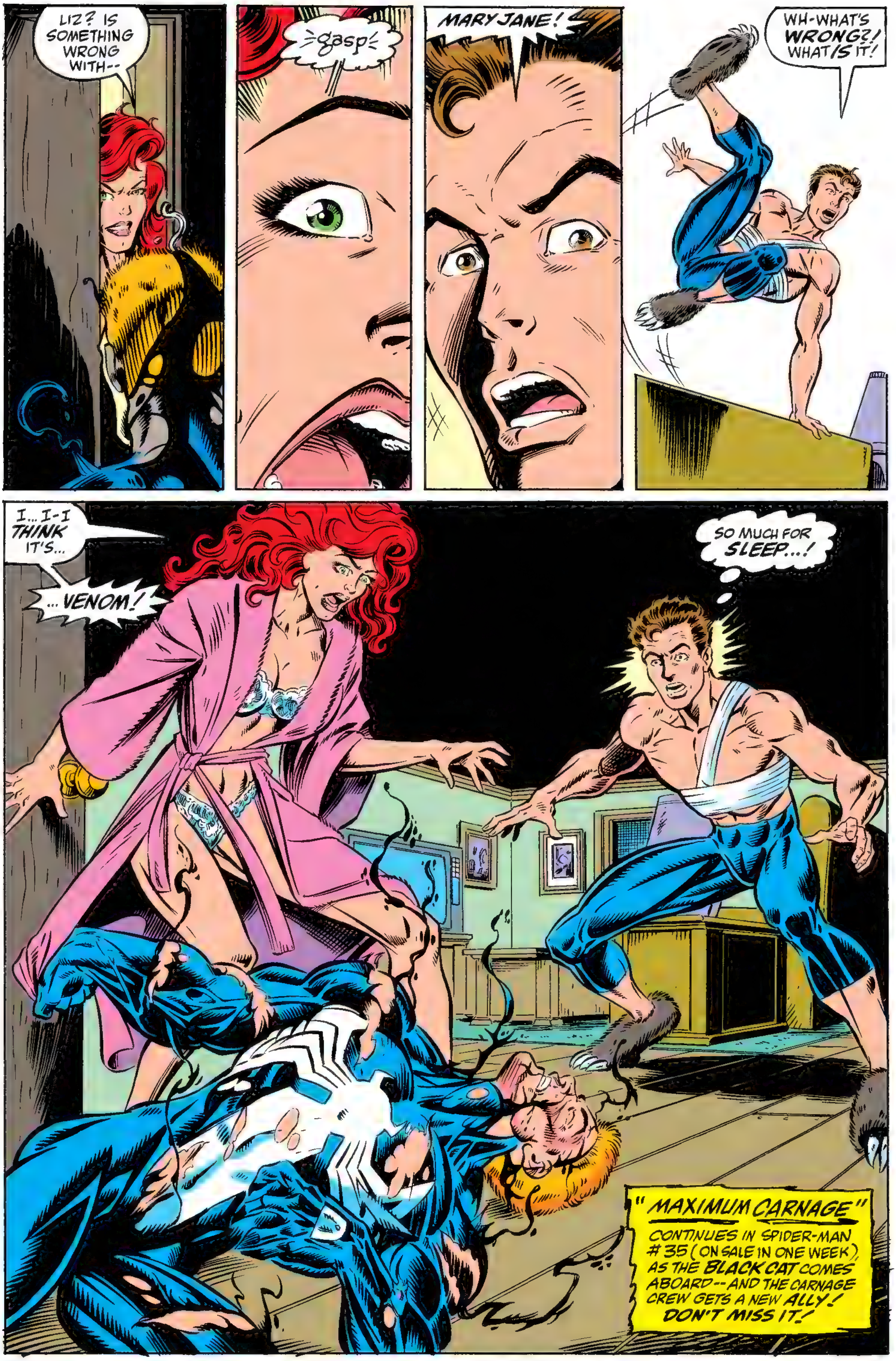

GO GET HIM, SPIDER-MAN!
C'MON, GET UP!
I... I CAN'T!
WH-WHAT'S THE USE?
WHY... WH-WHY EVEN TRY...?
YESSSSS...!
SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY...
SOME SORT OF COMMOTION IN THE BOWERY?
COULD BE THAT SCARLET-SUITED FIEND!
DISPATCH TO ALL DRIVERS: REROUTE AROUND CENTRAL PARK! SOME LUNATIC CALLED CARNAGE IS RIPPIN' THE PLACE APART!
THE PARK IT IS! WHATEVER THAT DISTURBANCE IN THE BOWERY IS--
-- IT CAN'T BE NEARLY AS IMPORTANT!
NEW
FOR


A CERTAIN WEB-SLINGER MIGHT DISAGREE!
THAT WAS NO ORDINARY BOMB, SPIDER-MAN!
IT WAS MEANT TO GIVE YOU A TASTE OF WHAT ALL SINNERS MUST EVENTUALLY FACE:
THE DESPAIR AND UNENDING HOPELESSNESS OF ETERNAL TORMENT!
BLASPHEMOUS TRICKSTER! RELEASE HIM! BY ALL THAT'S HOLY--!
HSSSS!
MAN OF GOD...
...YOU'LL BURN NEXT!
PRIEST... T-TRIED TO HELP! I CAN'T... LET DEMOGOBLIN HURT HIM!
ZATCH!
HAVE TO FIGHT... AGAINST THE DARKNESS! FIGHT IT... WITH TRUTH!
THE TRUTH... THAT NO MATTER HOW I FEEL... AS LONG AS I BREATHE--


"-- THERE *IS* HOPE!"
HSSAARRR!
YOU... ALL RIGHT?
THAT I AM, SPIDER-MAN-- THANKS TO YOU!
NO, FATHER... THANKS TO *YOU!*
WHA-- *SPIDER-SENSE!* AN ORANGE *PUMPKIN BOMB!*
THE *EXPLODING* KIND!
LOOK OUT!
WHAM
OH, BOY. THAT DID MY CRACKED RIBS A *LOT* OF GOOD!
CAN'T LET *agh* DEMOGOBLIN KNOW I'M HURT THIS BAD!


NO PROBLEM, IT SEEMS.
HE'S GONE!
SHOULD TRY TO TRACK HIM... BUT ALREADY FEEL LIKE I'M READY TO PASS OUT! HAVE TO CUT MY LOSSES
...AND JUST... GO HOME.
CENTRAL PARK.
ALL IS SILENT.
THE SCREAMS HAVE STOPPED.
FOR NOW...!
MAYBE I SHOULD SCROUNGE UP A CALCULATOR!
THE BODY COUNT'S STARTIN' TA HURT MY BRAIN!
MONSTROSITY! WE'LL TAKE A GALLON OF YOUR BLOOD FOR EVERY INNOCENT DROP YOU'VE SPILLED!
Whoa! "POP"! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE!


BUT, HEY, STICK AROUND!
I'VE GOT A COUPLE O' FRIENDS I'D LIKE YA TO MEET...!
SOHO: DAWN HUDDLES AN HOUR AWAY.
--EVEN MORNING SUNLIGHT CAN NEVER BRIGHTEN...!
--APPEARS THE MASSACRE IN CENTRAL PARK IS OVER! BUT BODIES LINE WALKWAYS LIKE HUMAN LITTER, AND--
MY GOD! IF I'D KNOWN WHAT WAS HAPPENING, MAYBE I COULD HAVE SAVED SOME OF THEM!
IF YOU'D TRIED, PETER, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONE OF THEM!
BUT THERE ARE SOME SHADOWS--
I'LL GET IT. MUST BE LIZ, FROM DOWNSTAIRS.
THINGS ARE GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE!
MAYBE IF I GET SOME SLEEP... YEAH, A LITTLE REST. THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT SOME ANSWERS!
NOK NOK


LIZ? IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH--
gasp
MARY JANE!
WH-WHAT'S WRONG?! WHAT IS IT!
I... I-I THINK IT'S...
...VENOM!
SO MUCH FOR SLEEP...!
"MAXIMUM CARNAGE" CONTINUES IN SPIDER-MAN #35 (ON SALE IN ONE WEEK) AS THE BLACK CAT COMES ABOARD-- AND THE CARNAGE CREW GETS A NEW ALLY! DON'T MISS IT!

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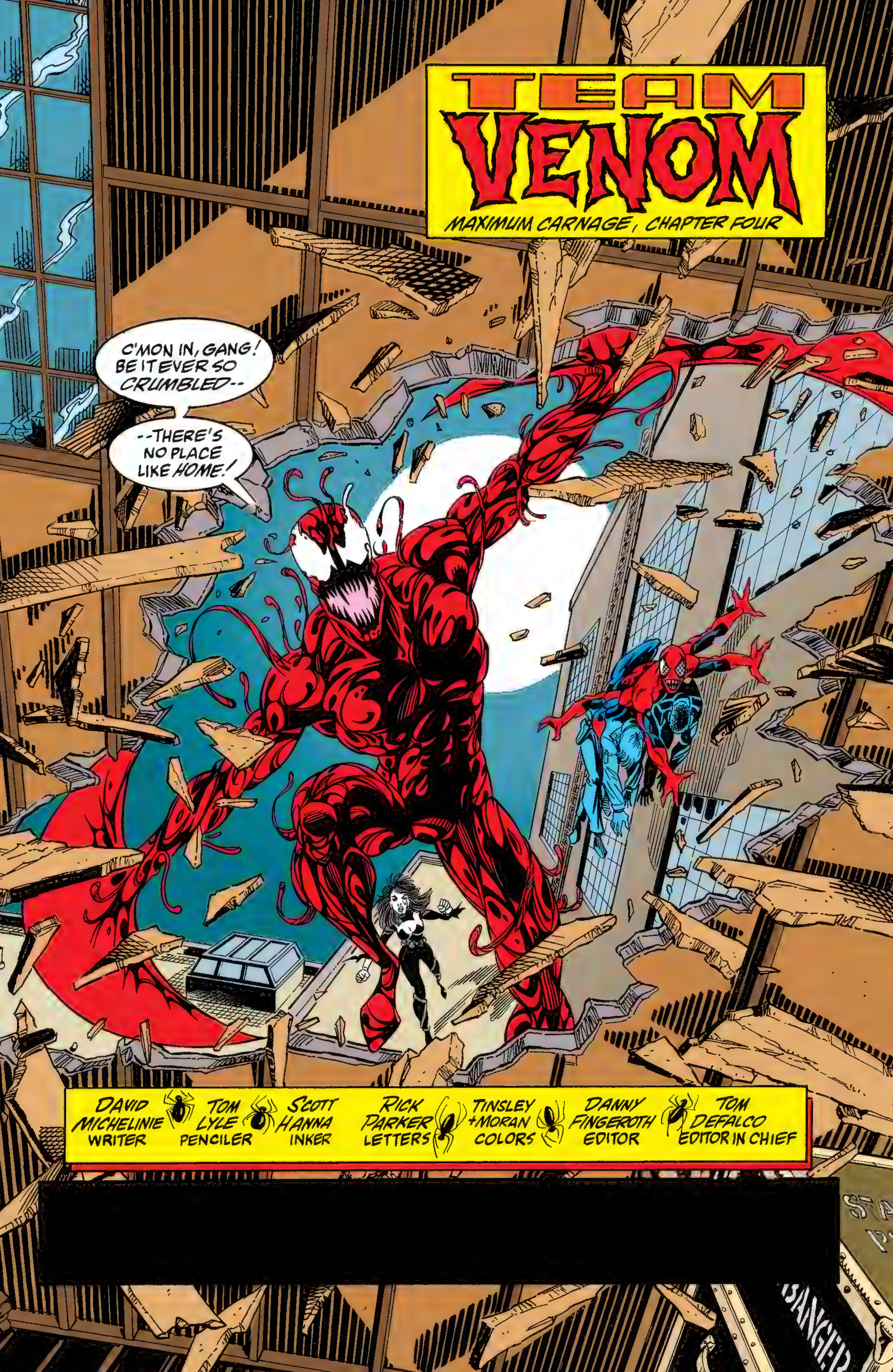

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MAXIMUM CARNAGE, CHAPTER FOUR

C'MON IN, GANG! BE IT EVER SO *CRUMBLED*--
--THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE *HOME*!

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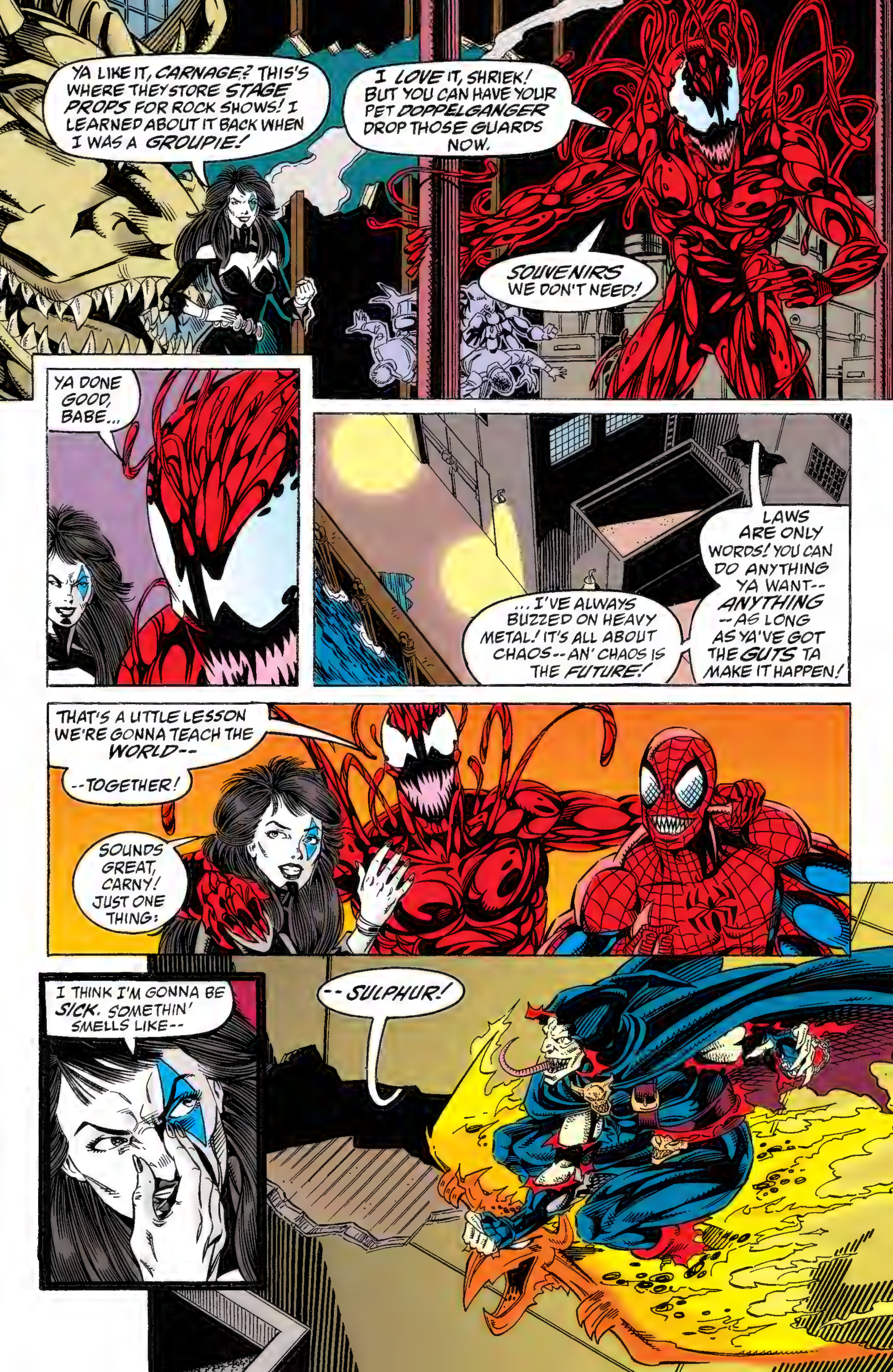
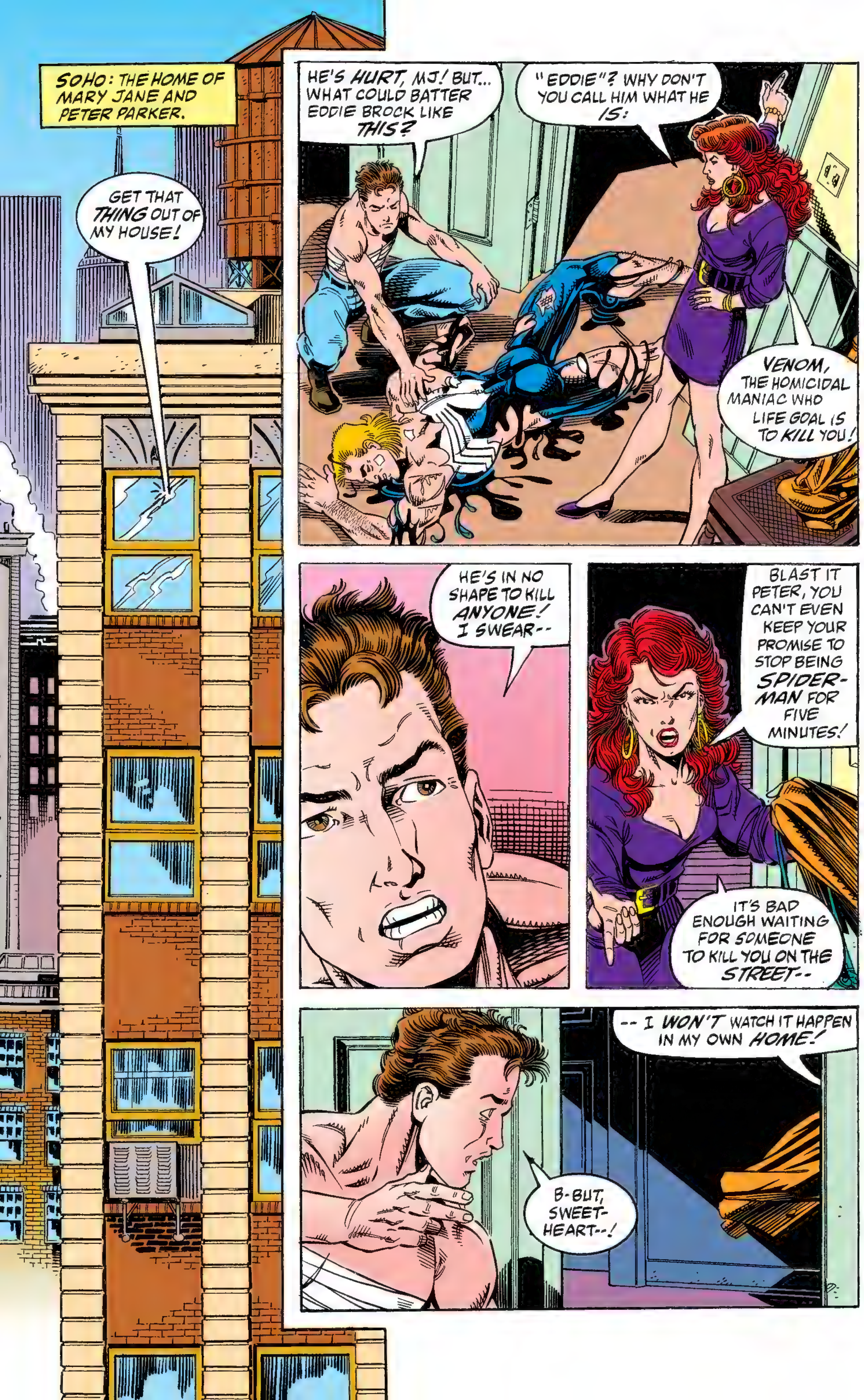
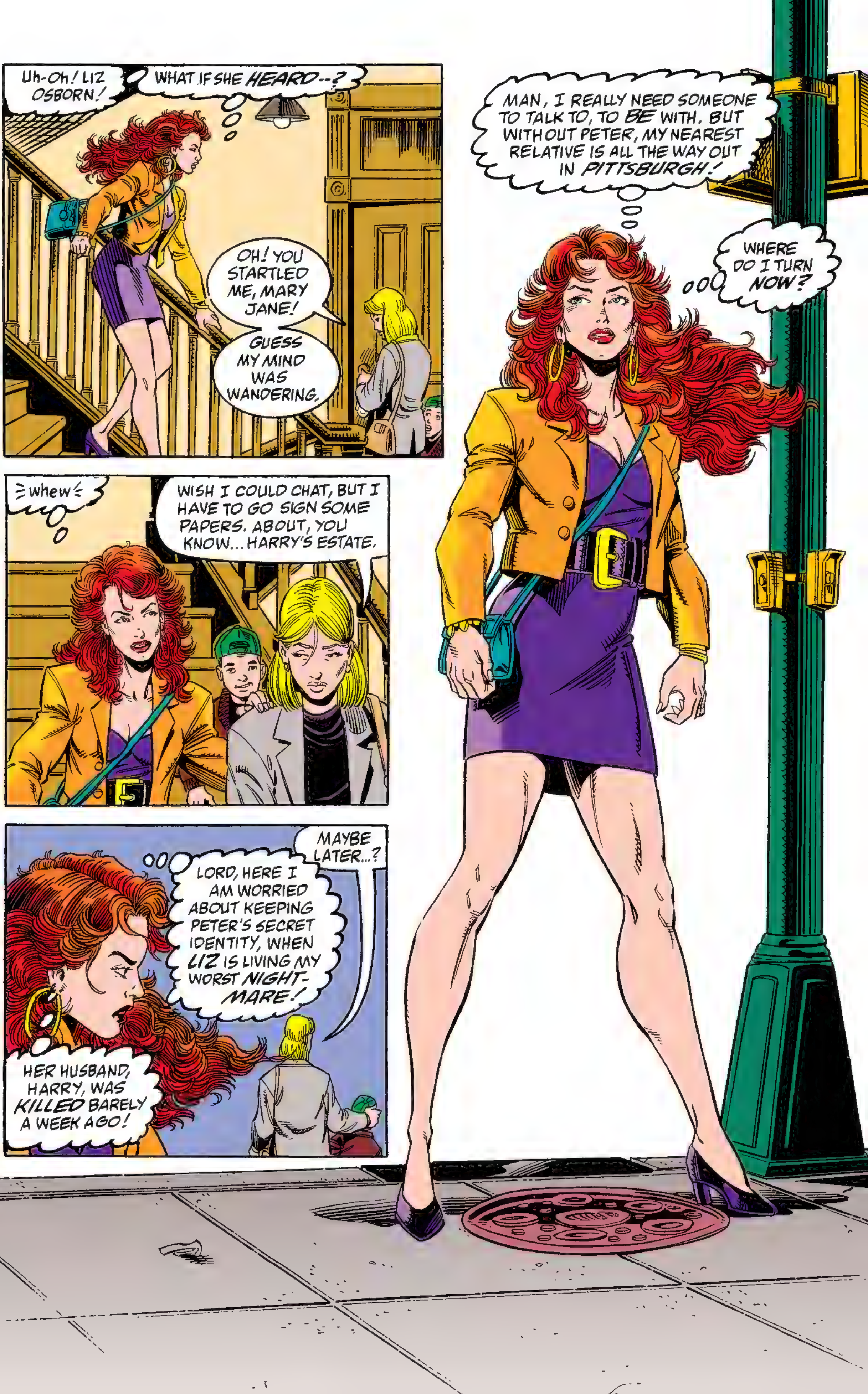
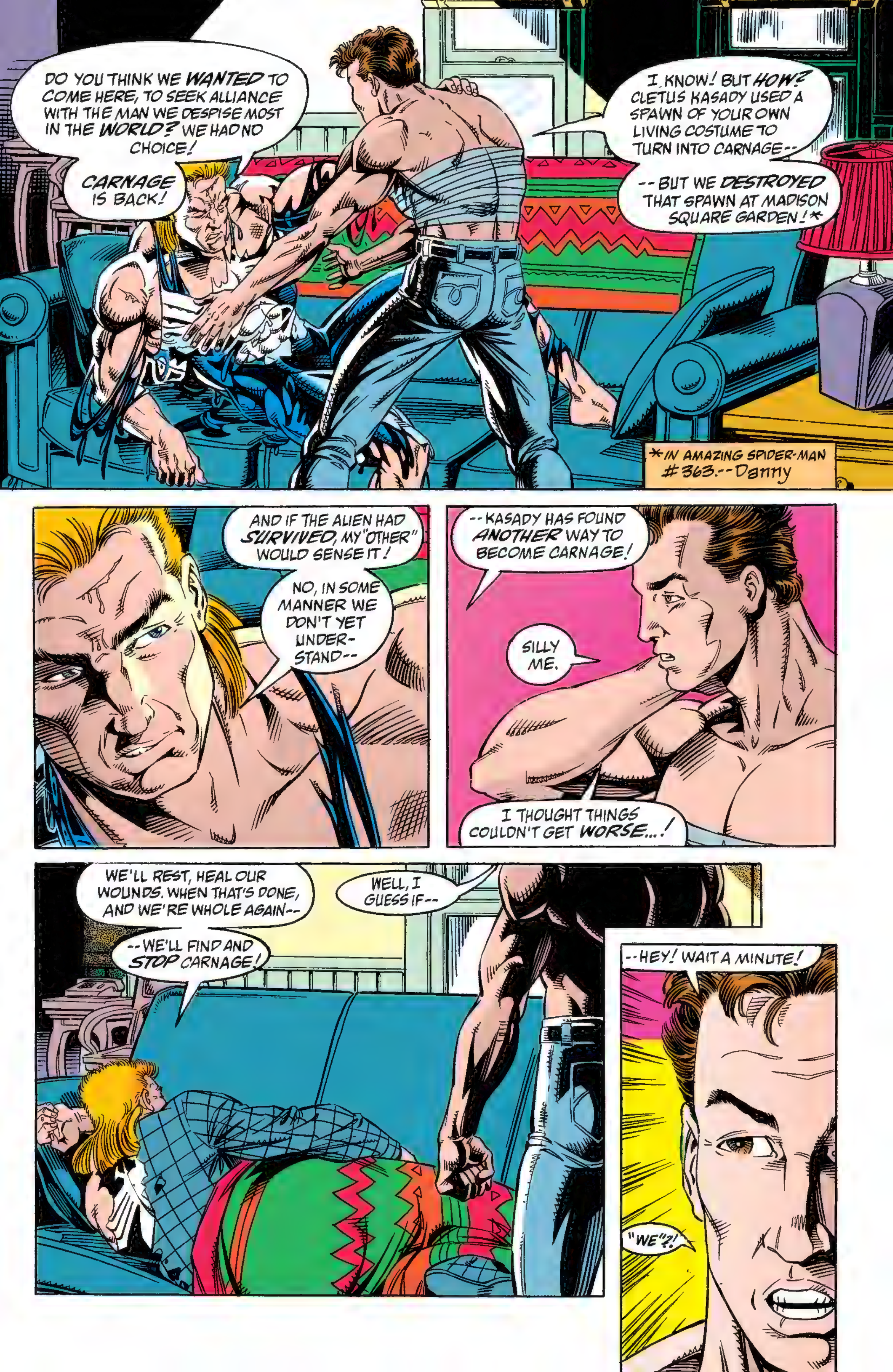
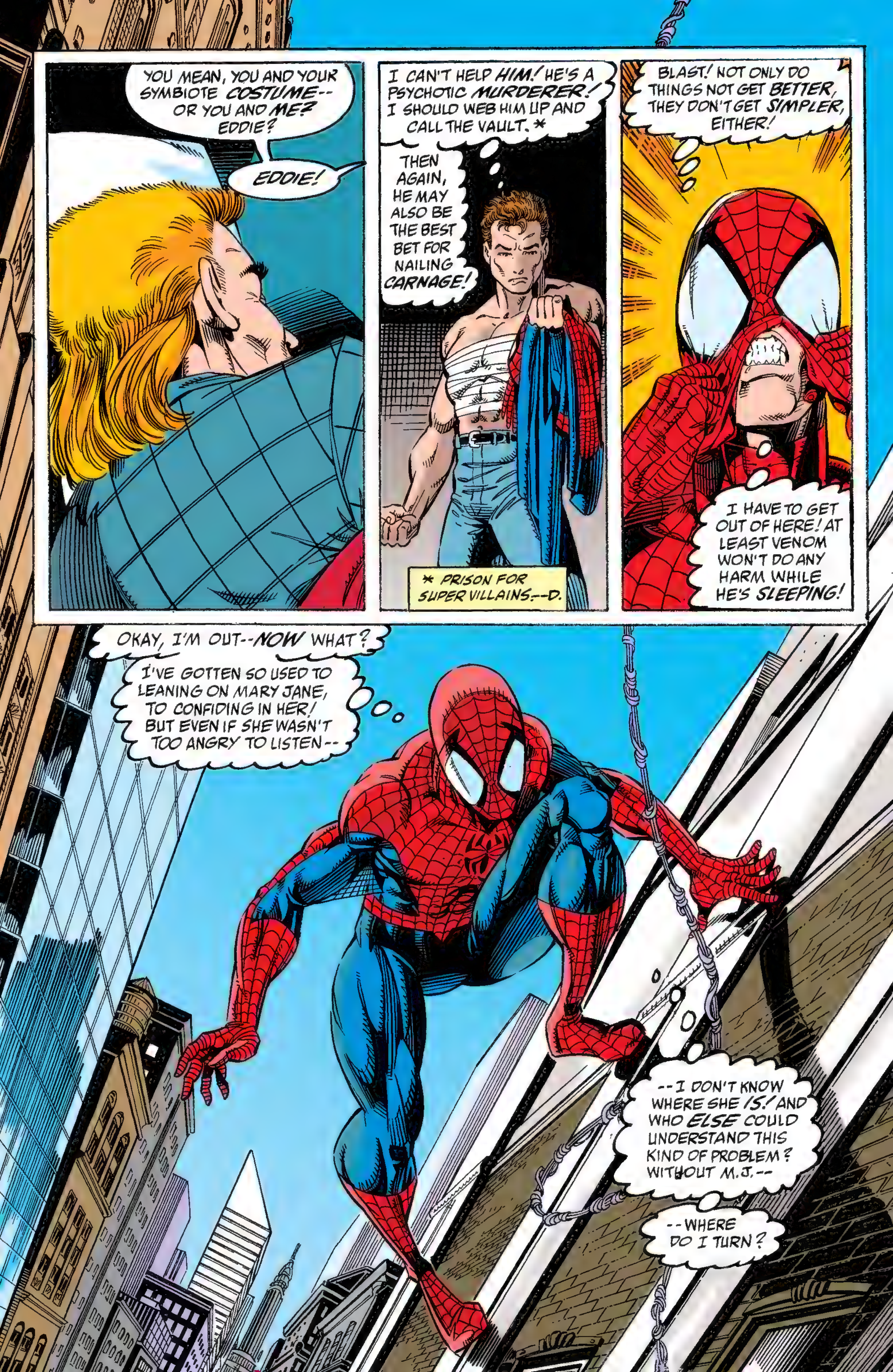
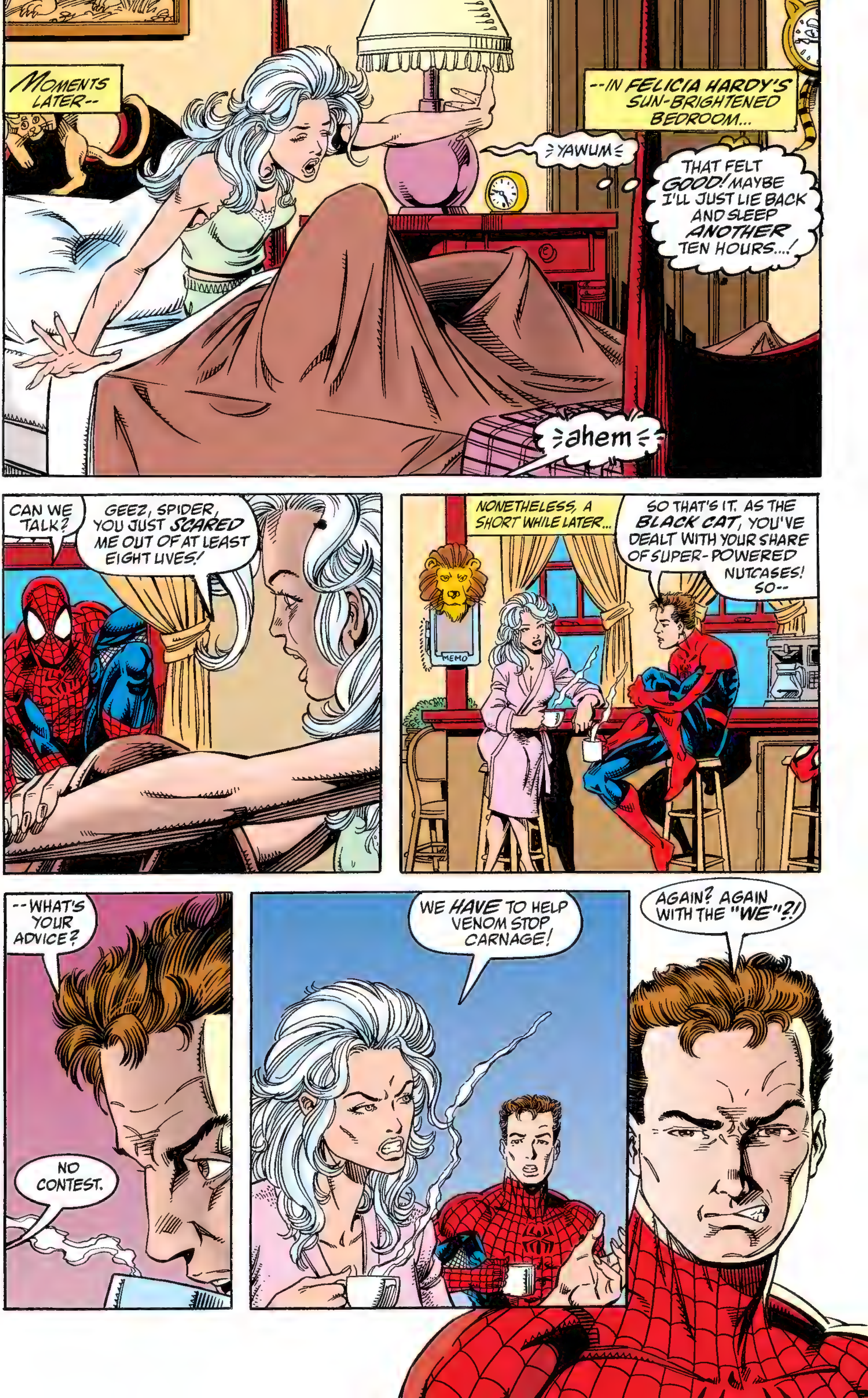

YA LIKE IT, *CARNAGE?* THIS'S WHERE THEY STORE *STAGE PROPS* FOR ROCK SHOWS! I LEARNED ABOUT IT BACK WHEN I WAS A *GROUPIE!*
I *LOVE* IT, SHRIEK! BUT YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PET *DOPPELGANGER* DROP THOSE GUARDS NOW.
SOUVENIRS WE DON'T NEED!
YA DONE GOOD, BABE...
...I'VE ALWAYS BUZZED ON HEAVY METAL! IT'S ALL ABOUT CHAOS--AN' CHAOS IS THE *FUTURE!*
LAWS ARE ONLY WORDS! YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YA WANT-- *ANYTHING* --AS LONG AS YA'VE GOT THE *GUTS* TA MAKE IT HAPPEN!
THAT'S A LITTLE LESSON WE'RE GONNA TEACH THE *WORLD*--
--TOGETHER!
SOUNDS GREAT, CARNY! JUST ONE THING:
I THINK I'M GONNA BE *SICK*. SOMETHIN' SMELLS LIKE--
--*SULPHUR!*

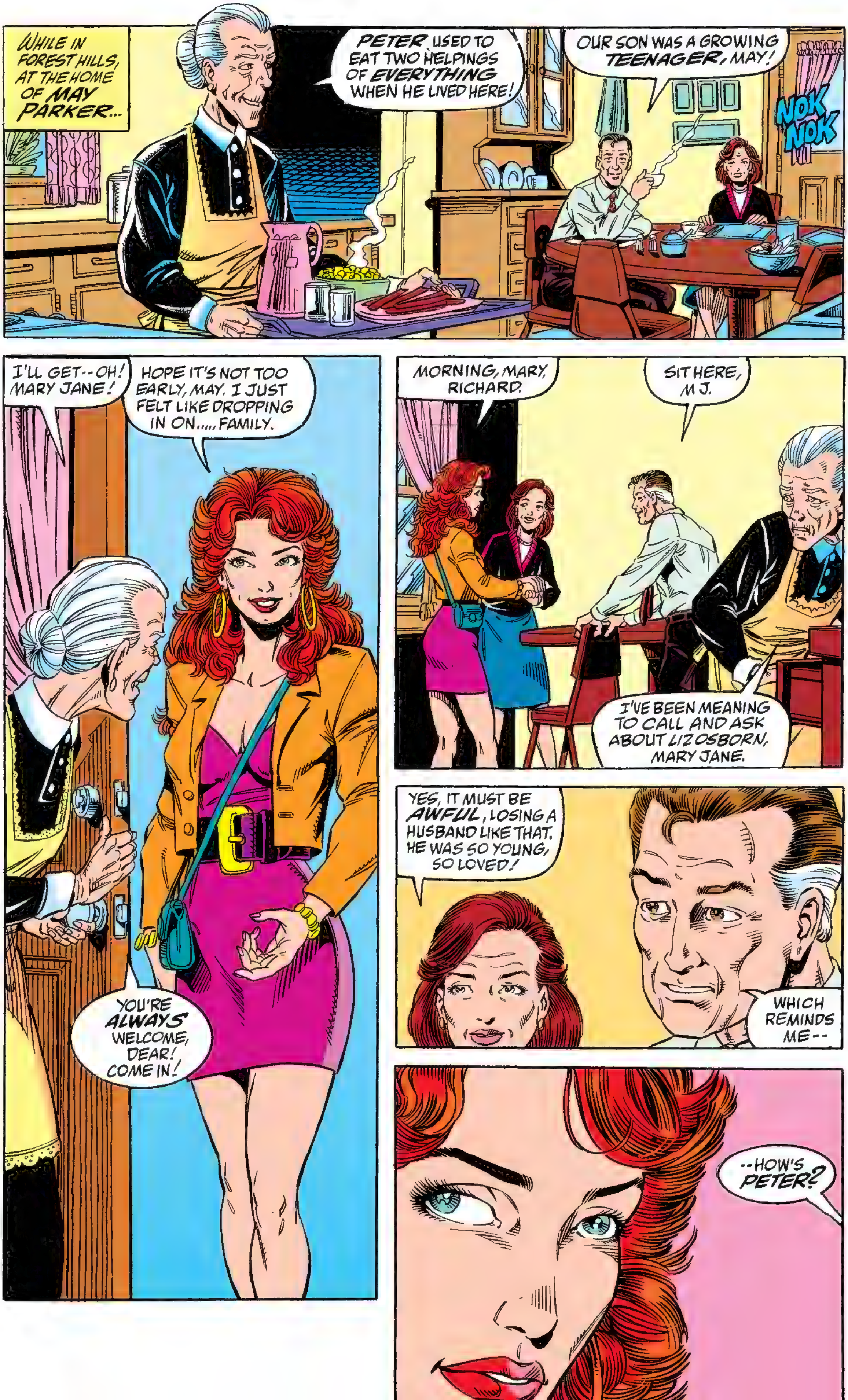

SOHO: THE HOME OF MARY JANE AND PETER PARKER.
GET THAT THING OUT OF MY HOUSE!
HE'S HURT, MJ! BUT... WHAT COULD BATTER EDDIE BROCK LIKE THIS?
"EDDIE"? WHY DON'T YOU CALL HIM WHAT HE IS:
VENOM, THE HOMICIDAL MANIAC WHO LIFE GOAL IS TO KILL YOU!
HE'S IN NO SHAPE TO KILL ANYONE! I SWEAR--
BLAST IT PETER, YOU CAN'T EVEN KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO STOP BEING SPIDER-MAN FOR FIVE MINUTES!
IT'S BAD ENOUGH WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO KILL YOU ON THE STREET--
-- I WON'T WATCH IT HAPPEN IN MY OWN HOME!
B-BUT, SWEET-HEART--!

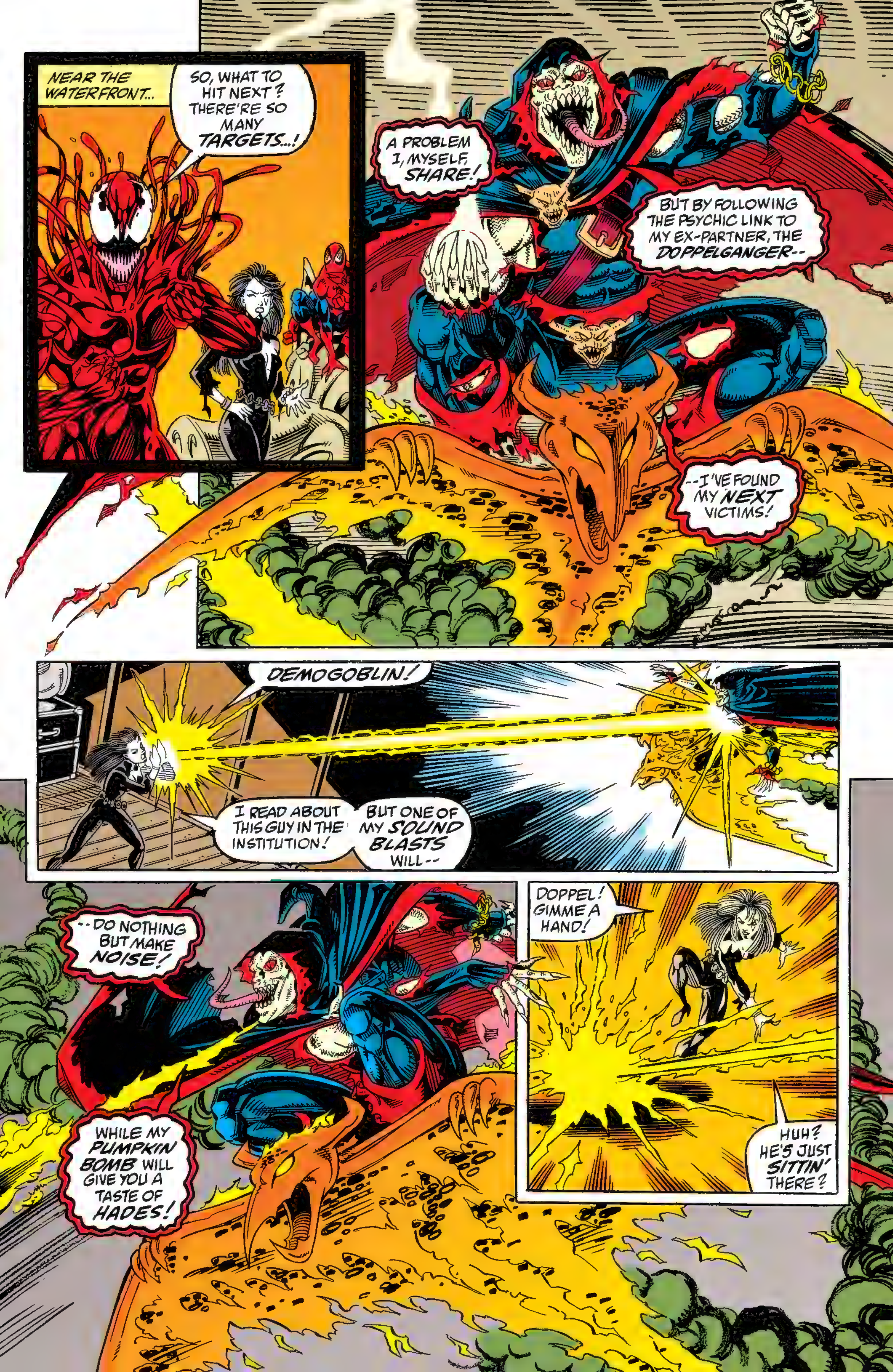

Uh-Oh! LIZ OSBORN!
WHAT IF SHE HEARD--?
OH! YOU STARTLED ME, MARY JANE!
GUESS MY MIND WAS WANDERING.
whew
WISH I COULD CHAT, BUT I HAVE TO GO SIGN SOME PAPERS. ABOUT, YOU KNOW... HARRY'S ESTATE.
MAYBE LATER...?
LORD, HERE I AM WORRIED ABOUT KEEPING PETER'S SECRET IDENTITY, WHEN LIZ IS LIVING MY WORST NIGHTMARE!
HER HUSBAND, HARRY, WAS KILLED BARELY A WEEK AGO!
MAN, I REALLY NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO, TO BE WITH. BUT WITHOUT PETER, MY NEAREST RELATIVE IS ALL THE WAY OUT IN PITTSBURGH!
WHERE DO I TURN NOW?

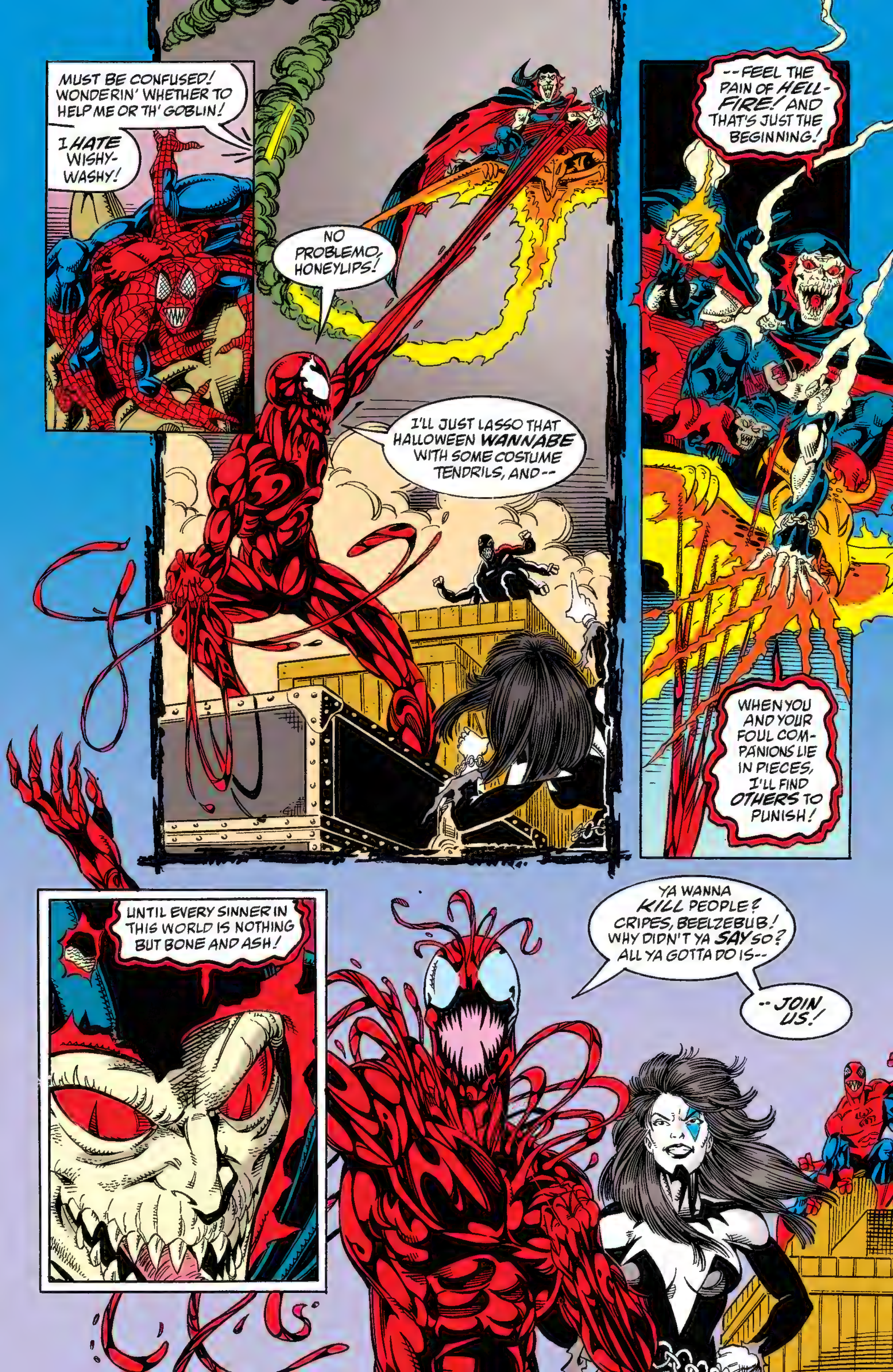

DO YOU THINK WE *WANTED* TO COME HERE, TO SEEK ALLIANCE WITH THE MAN WE DESPISE MOST IN THE *WORLD?* WE HAD NO CHOICE!
CARNAGE IS BACK!
I KNOW! BUT *HOW?* CLETUS KASADY USED A SPAWN OF YOUR OWN LIVING COSTUME TO TURN INTO CARNAGE--
--BUT WE *DESTROYED* THAT SPAWN AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN!*
*IN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #363.--Danny
AND IF THE ALIEN HAD *SURVIVED*, MY "OTHER" WOULD SENSE IT!
NO, IN SOME MANNER WE DON'T YET UNDERSTAND--
--KASADY HAS FOUND *ANOTHER* WAY TO BECOME CARNAGE!
SILLY ME.
I THOUGHT THINGS COULDN'T GET *WORSE*...!
WE'LL REST, HEAL OUR WOUNDS. WHEN THAT'S DONE, AND WE'RE WHOLE AGAIN--
WELL, I GUESS IF--
--WE'LL FIND AND *STOP* CARNAGE!
--HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!
"WE"?!

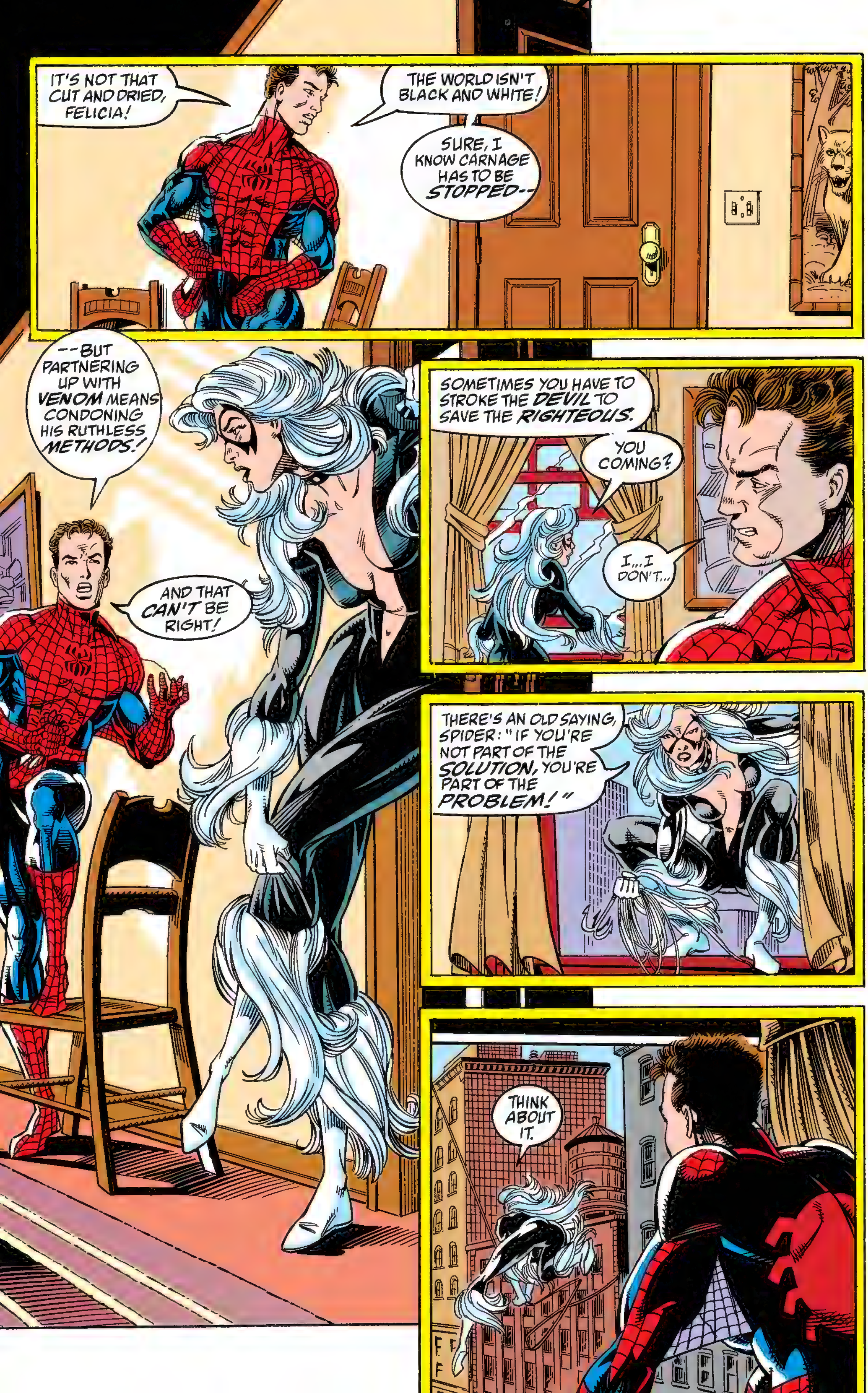

YOU MEAN, YOU AND YOUR SYMBIOTE *COSTUME*-- OR YOU AND *ME?* EDDIE?
EDDIE!
I CAN'T HELP *HIM!* HE'S A PSYCHOTIC *MURDERER!* I SHOULD WEB HIM UP AND CALL THE VAULT.*
THEN AGAIN, HE MAY ALSO BE THE BEST BET FOR NAILING *CARNAGE!*
* PRISON FOR SUPER VILLAINS.--D.
BLAST! NOT ONLY DO THINGS NOT GET *BETTER*, THEY DON'T GET *SIMPLER*, EITHER!
I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE! AT LEAST VENOM WON'T DO ANY HARM WHILE HE'S *SLEEPING!*
OKAY, I'M OUT--*NOW* WHAT?
I'VE GOTTEN SO USED TO LEANING ON MARY JANE, TO CONFIDING IN HER! BUT EVEN IF SHE WASN'T TOO ANGRY TO LISTEN--
--I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE *IS!* AND WHO *ELSE* COULD UNDERSTAND THIS KIND OF PROBLEM? WITHOUT M.J.--
--WHERE DO I TURN?

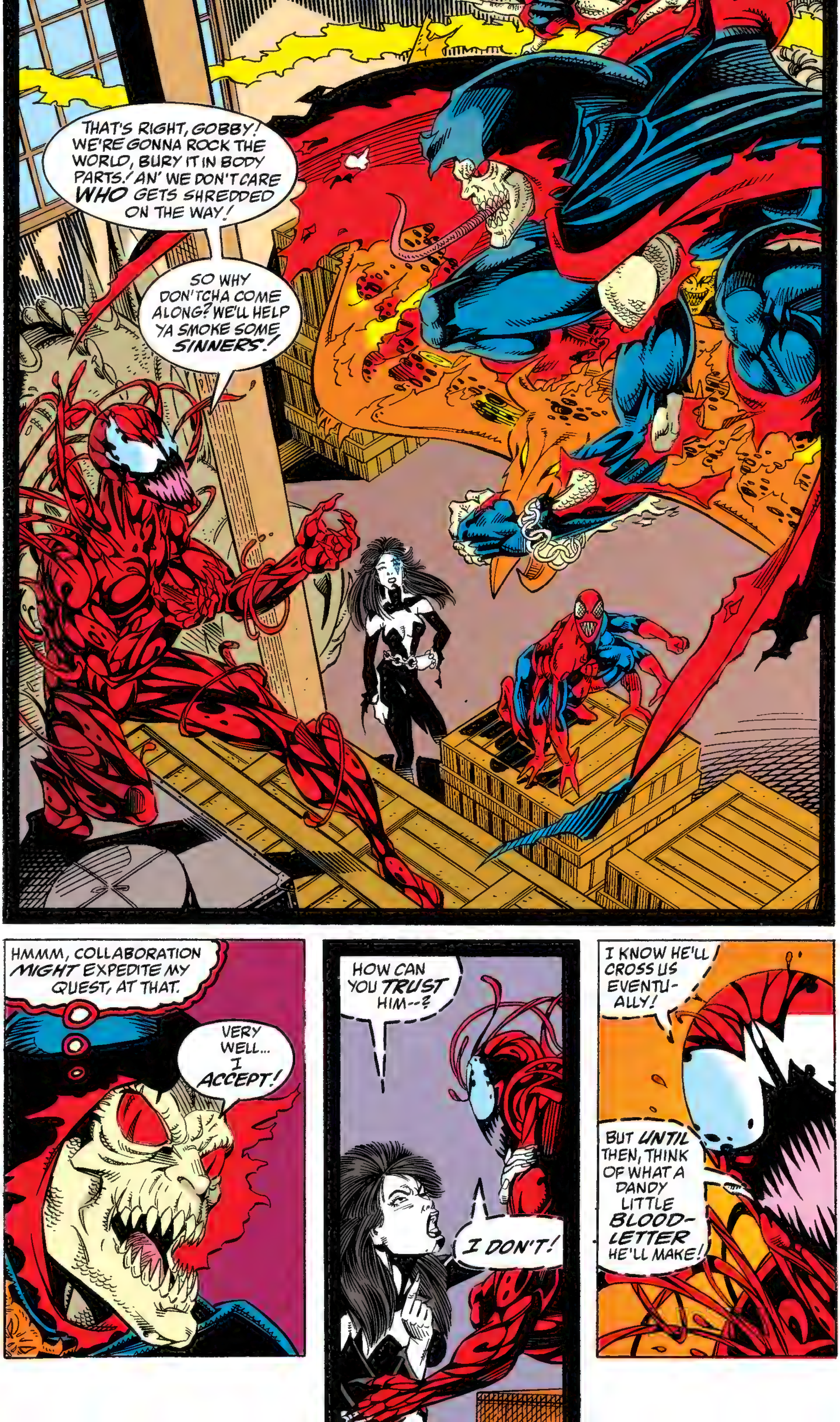

MOMENTS LATER--
--IN FELICIA HARDY'S SUN-BRIGHTENED BEDROOM...
YAWUM
THAT FELT GOOD! MAYBE I'LL JUST LIE BACK AND SLEEP ANOTHER TEN HOURS...!
ahem
CAN WE TALK?
GEEZ, SPIDER, YOU JUST SCARED ME OUT OF AT LEAST EIGHT LIVES!
NONETHELESS, A SHORT WHILE LATER...
SO THAT'S IT. AS THE BLACK CAT, YOU'VE DEALT WITH YOUR SHARE OF SUPER-POWERED NUTCASES! SO--
MEMO
--WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE?
NO CONTEST.
WE HAVE TO HELP VENOM STOP CARNAGE!
AGAIN? AGAIN WITH THE "WE"?!

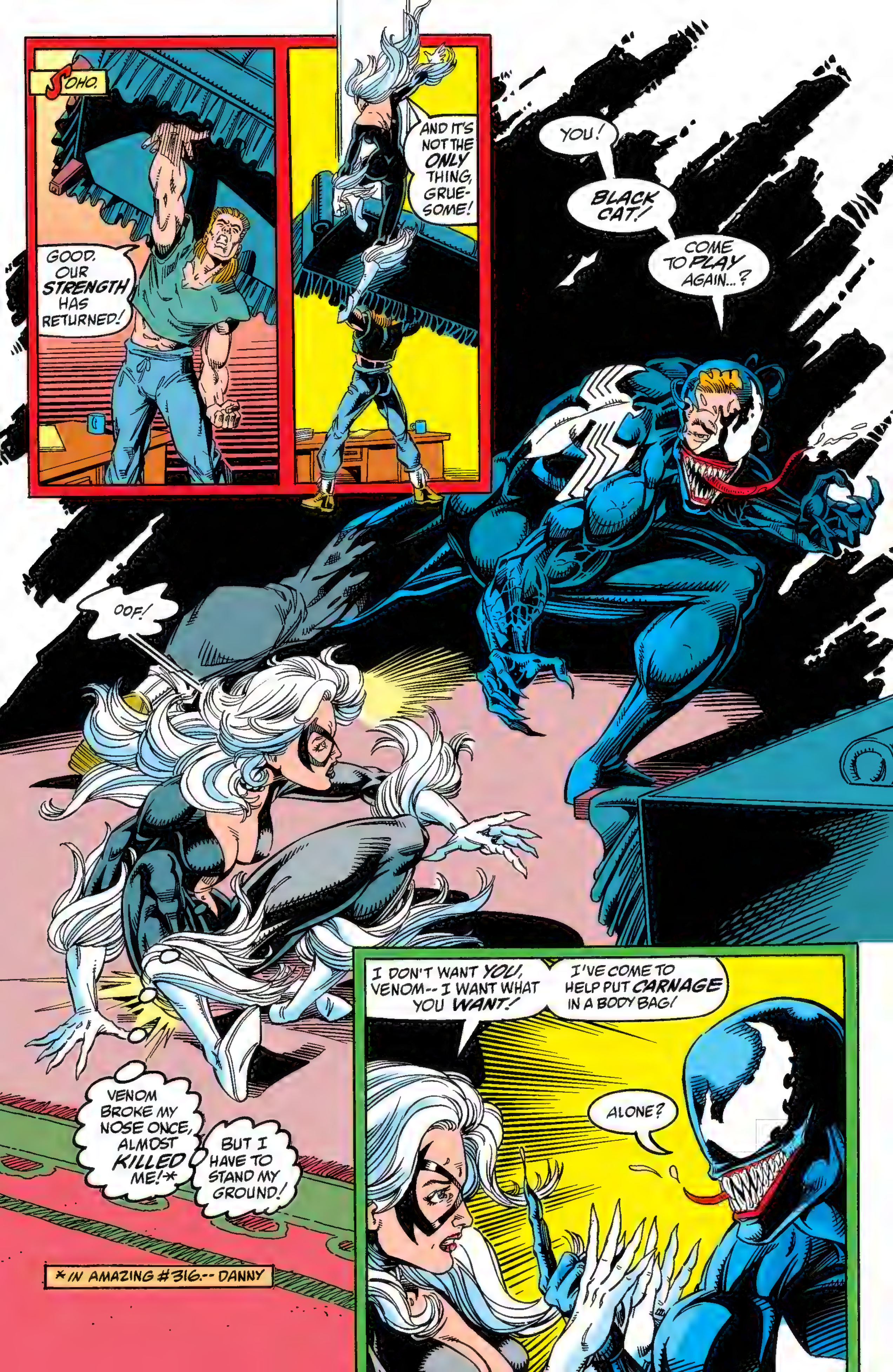

WHILE IN FOREST HILLS, AT THE HOME OF MAY PARKER...
PETER USED TO EAT TWO HELPINGS OF EVERYTHING WHEN HE LIVED HERE!
OUR SON WAS A GROWING TEENAGER, MAY!
NOK NOK
I'LL GET-- OH! MARY JANE!
HOPE IT'S NOT TOO EARLY, MAY. I JUST FELT LIKE DROPPING IN ON..... FAMILY.
YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME, DEAR! COME IN!
MORNING, MARY, RICHARD.
SIT HERE, M J.
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO CALL AND ASK ABOUT LIZ OSBORN, MARY JANE.
YES, IT MUST BE AWFUL, LOSING A HUSBAND LIKE THAT. HE WAS SO YOUNG, SO LOVED!
WHICH REMINDS ME--
--HOW'S PETER?

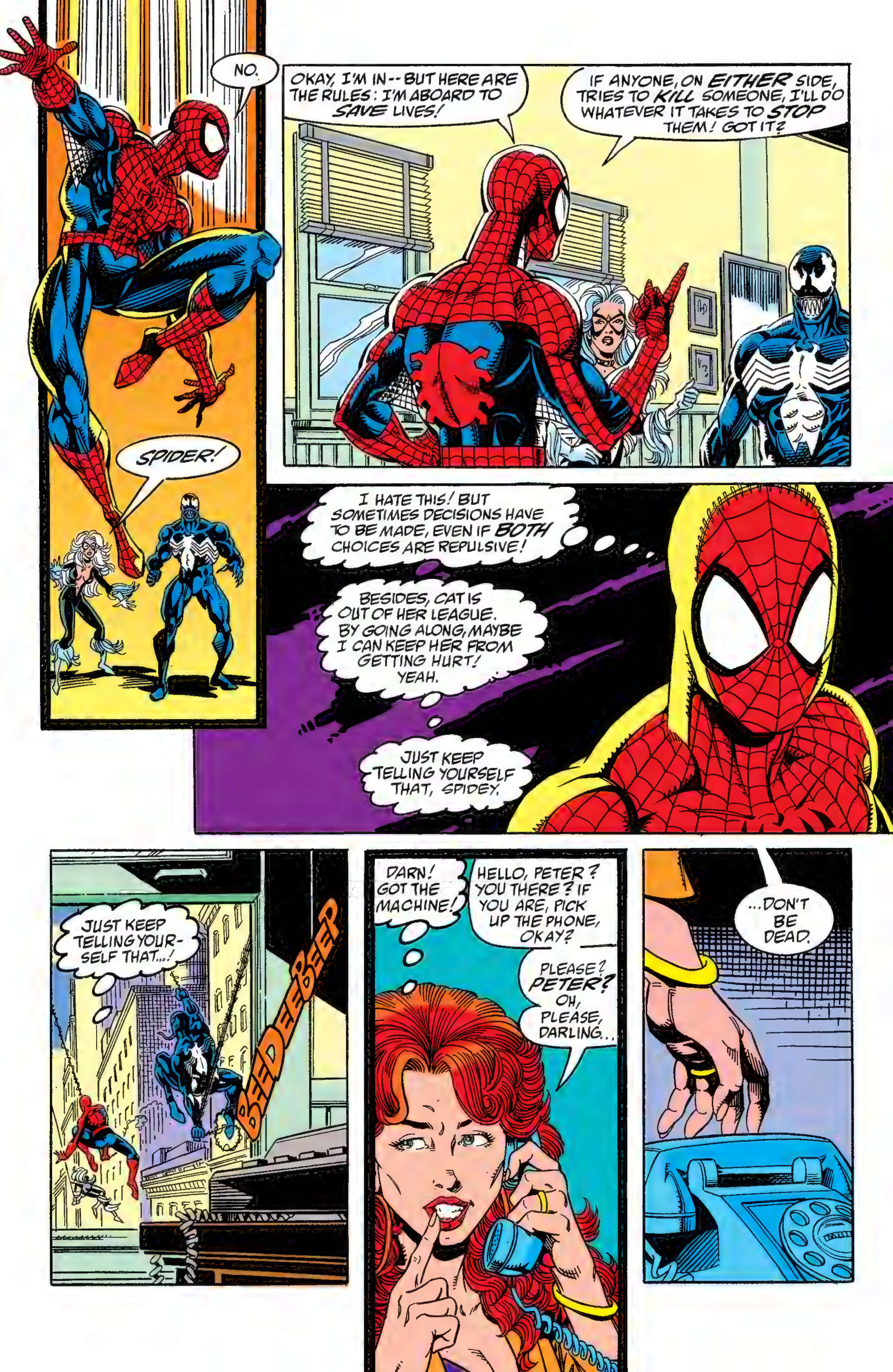

NEAR THE WATERFRONT...
SO, WHAT TO HIT NEXT? THERE'RE SO MANY *TARGETS*...!
A PROBLEM I, MYSELF, *SHARE*!
BUT BY FOLLOWING THE PSYCHIC LINK TO MY EX-PARTNER, THE *DOPPELGANGER*--
--I'VE FOUND MY *NEXT* VICTIMS!
DEMOGOBLIN!
I READ ABOUT THIS GUY IN THE INSTITUTION!
BUT ONE OF MY *SOUND BLASTS* WILL--
--DO NOTHING BUT MAKE *NOISE*!
WHILE MY *PUMPKIN BOMB* WILL GIVE YOU A TASTE OF *HADES*!
DOPPEL! GIMME A HAND!
HUH? HE'S JUST *SITTIN'* THERE?

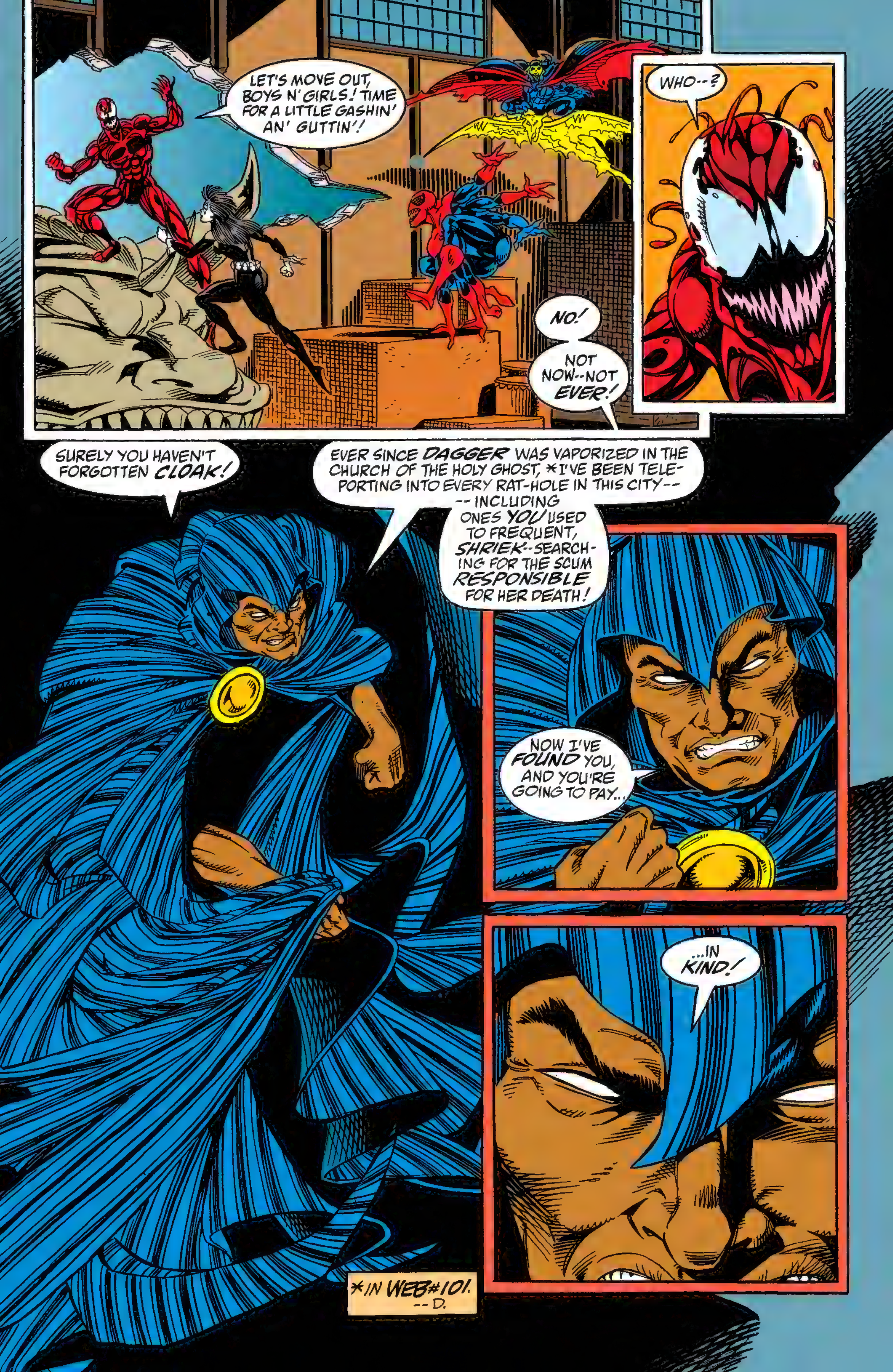

MUST BE CONFUSED! WONDERIN' WHETHER TO HELP ME OR TH' GOBLIN!
I *HATE* WISHY-WASHY!
NO PROBLEMO, HONEYLIPS!
I'LL JUST LASSO THAT HALLOWEEN *WANNABE* WITH SOME COSTUME TENDRILS, AND--
--FEEL THE PAIN OF *HELL-FIRE!* AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING!
WHEN YOU AND YOUR FOUL COMPANIONS LIE IN PIECES, I'LL FIND *OTHERS* TO PUNISH!
UNTIL EVERY SINNER IN THIS WORLD IS NOTHING BUT BONE AND ASH!
YA WANNA *KILL* PEOPLE? CRIPES, BEELZEBUB! WHY DIDN'T YA *SAY* SO? ALL YA GOTTA DO IS--
--*JOIN US!*

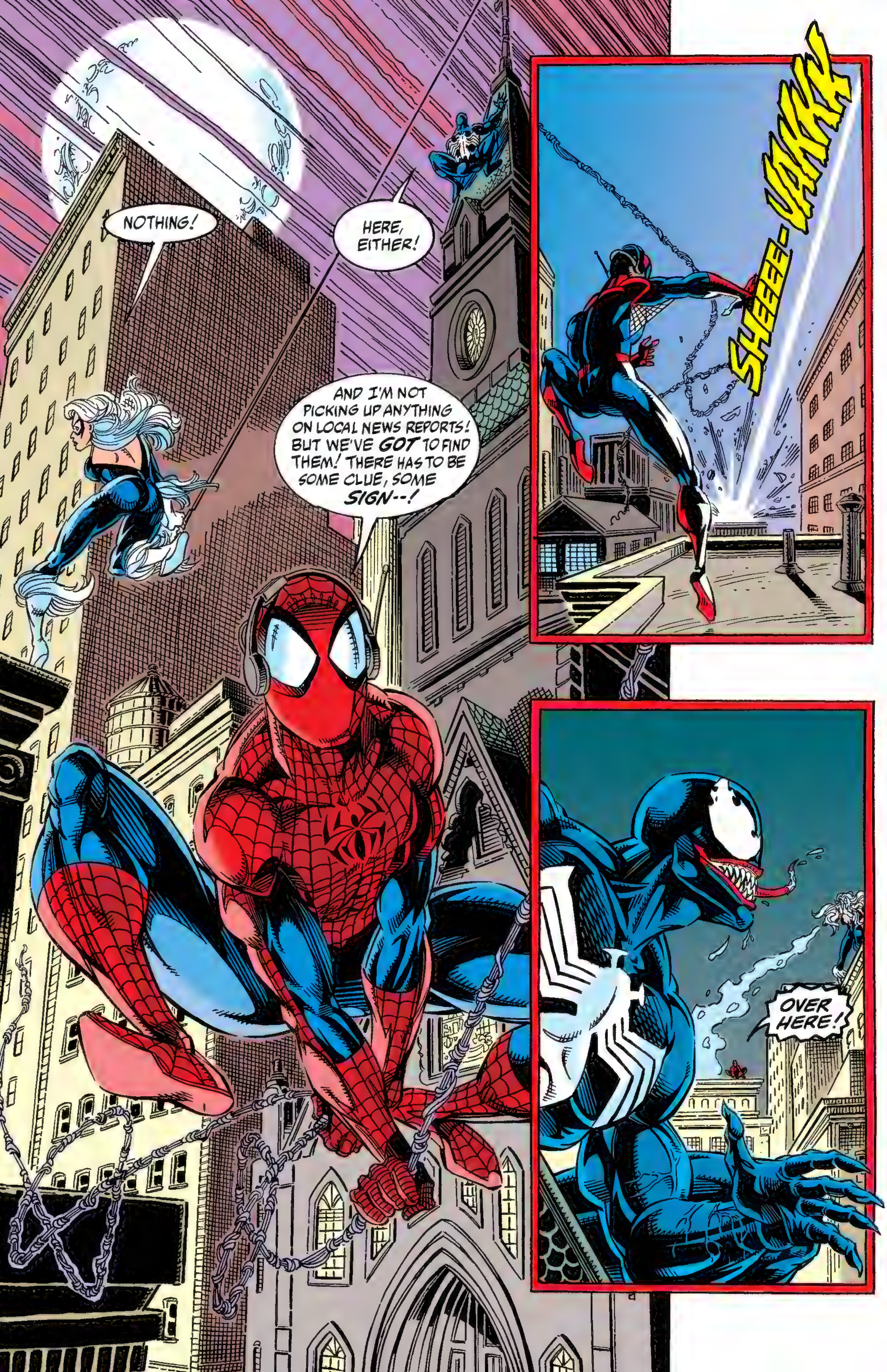

IT'S NOT THAT CUT AND DRIED, FELICIA!
THE WORLD ISN'T BLACK AND WHITE!
SURE, I KNOW CARNAGE HAS TO BE *STOPPED*--
--BUT PARTNERING UP WITH *VENOM* MEANS CONDONING HIS RUTHLESS *METHODS!*
AND THAT *CAN'T* BE RIGHT!
SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO STROKE THE *DEVIL* TO SAVE THE *RIGHTEOUS.*
YOU COMING?
I...I DON'T...
THERE'S AN OLD SAYING, SPIDER: "IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE *SOLUTION,* YOU'RE PART OF THE *PROBLEM!*"
THINK ABOUT IT.

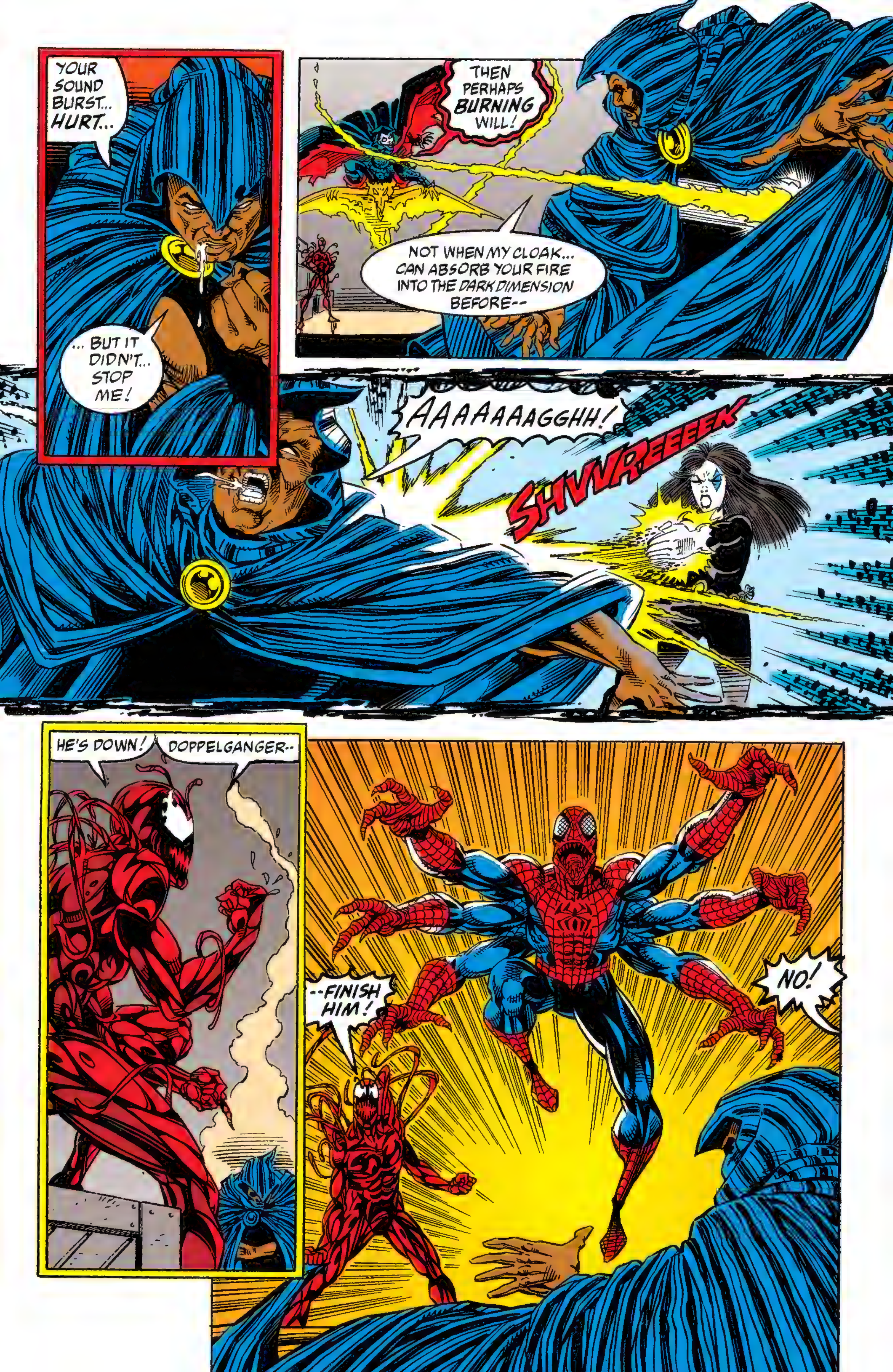

THAT'S RIGHT, GOBBY! WE'RE GONNA ROCK THE WORLD, BURY IT IN BODY PARTS! AN' WE DON'T CARE WHO GETS SHREDDED ON THE WAY!
SO WHY DON'TCHA COME ALONG? WE'LL HELP YA SMOKE SOME SINNERS!
HMMM, COLLABORATION MIGHT EXPEDITE MY QUEST, AT THAT.
VERY WELL... I ACCEPT!
HOW CAN YOU TRUST HIM--?
I DON'T!
I KNOW HE'LL CROSS US EVENTU-ALLY!
BUT UNTIL THEN, THINK OF WHAT A DANDY LITTLE BLOOD-LETTER HE'LL MAKE!

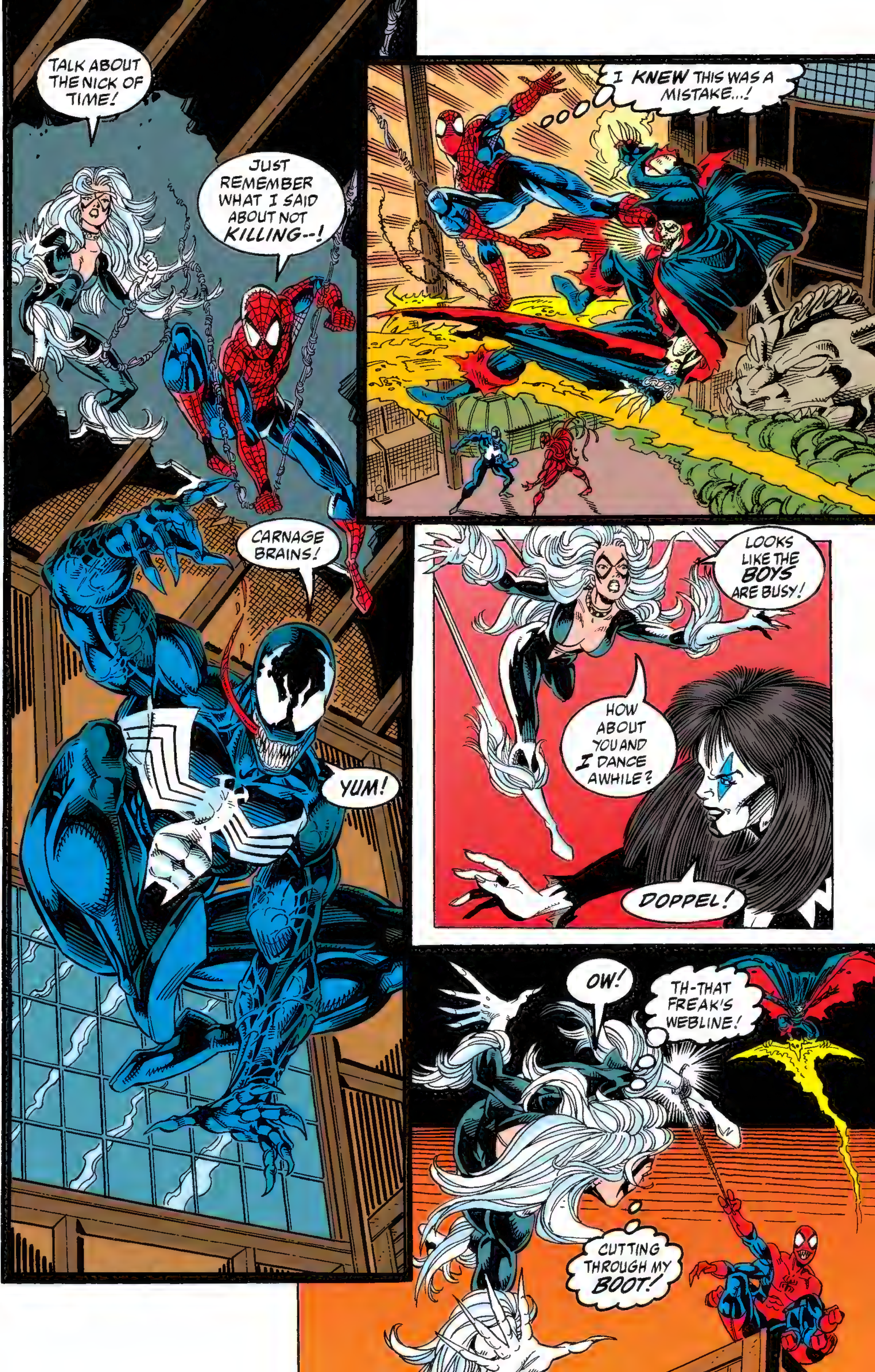

SOHO.
GOOD. OUR STRENGTH HAS RETURNED!
AND IT'S NOT THE ONLY THING, GRUESOME!
YOU!
BLACK CAT!
COME TO PLAY AGAIN...?
OOF!
VENOM BROKE MY NOSE ONCE, ALMOST KILLED ME!*
BUT I HAVE TO STAND MY GROUND!
*IN AMAZING #316.-- DANNY
I DON'T WANT YOU, VENOM-- I WANT WHAT YOU WANT!
I'VE COME TO HELP PUT CARNAGE IN A BODY BAG!
ALONE?

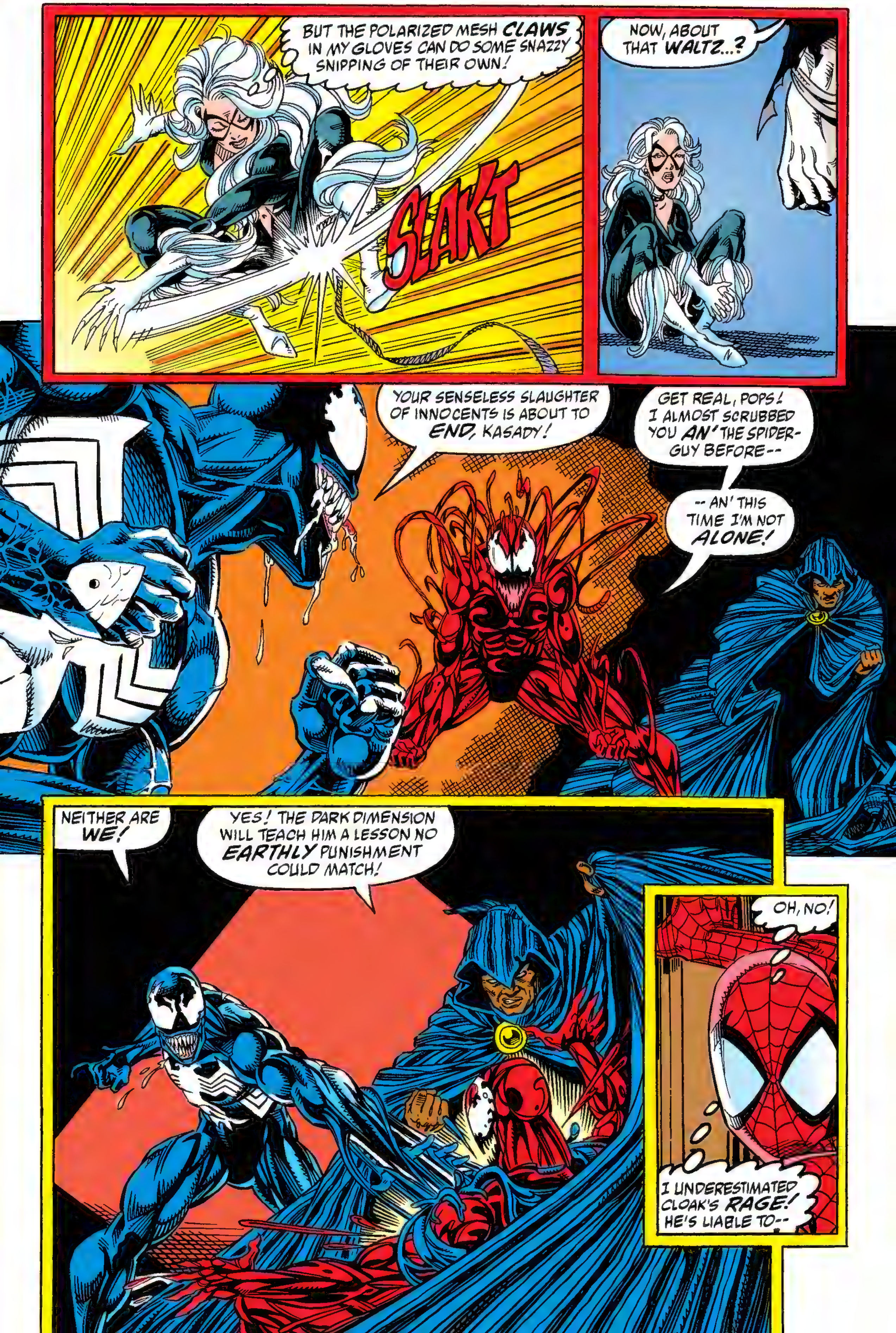

NO.
SPIDER!
OKAY, I'M IN-- BUT HERE ARE THE RULES: I'M ABOARD TO *SAVE* LIVES!
IF ANYONE, ON *EITHER* SIDE, TRIES TO *KILL* SOMEONE, I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO *STOP* THEM! GOT IT?
I HATE THIS! BUT SOMETIMES DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE, EVEN IF *BOTH* CHOICES ARE REPULSIVE!
BESIDES, CAT IS OUT OF HER LEAGUE. BY GOING ALONG, MAYBE I CAN KEEP HER FROM GETTING HURT! YEAH.
JUST KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT, SPIDEY.
JUST KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT...!
BEEDEEBEEP
DARN! GOT THE MACHINE!
HELLO, PETER? YOU THERE? IF YOU ARE, PICK UP THE PHONE, OKAY?
PLEASE? *PETER?* OH, PLEASE, DARLING...
...DON'T BE DEAD.

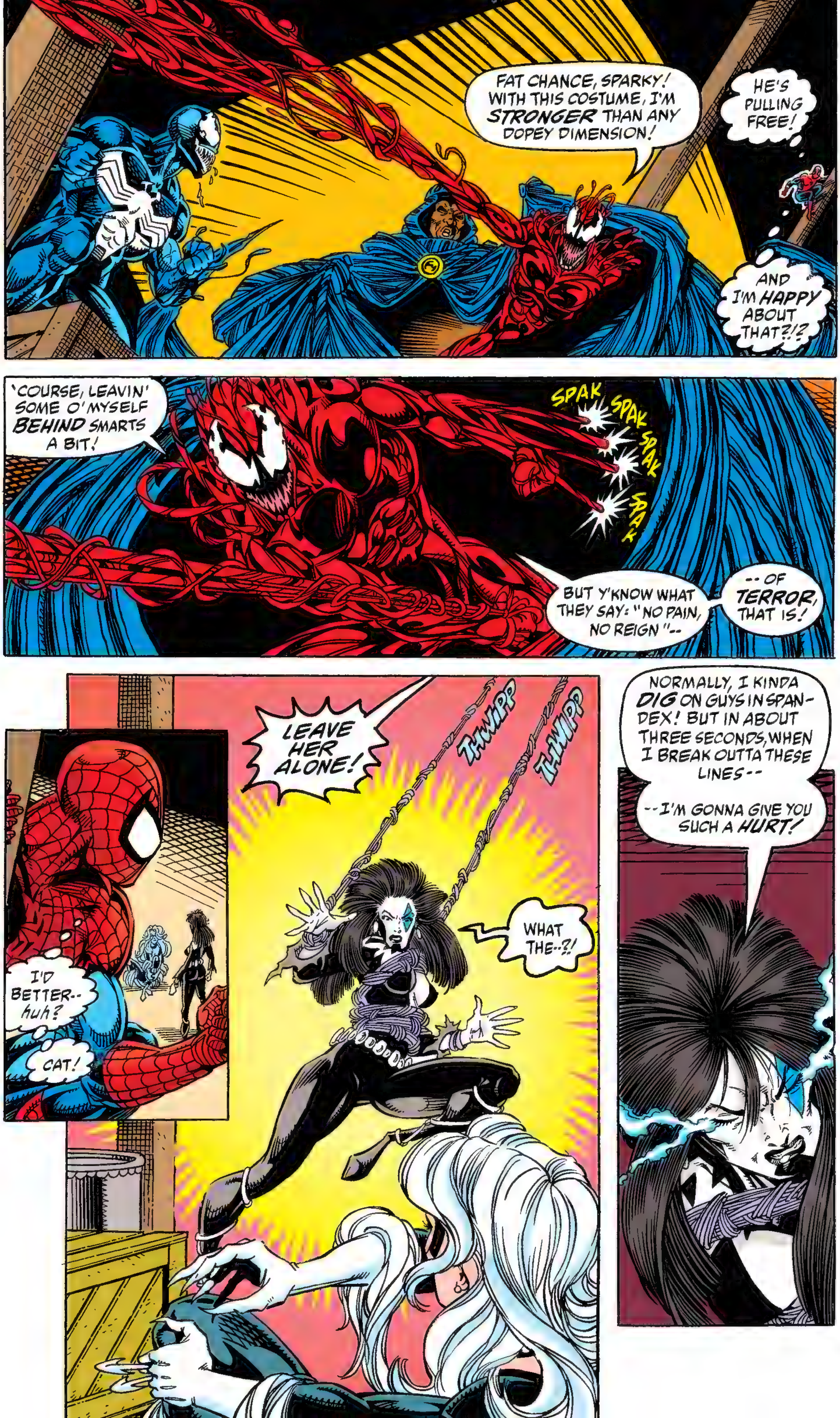

LET'S MOVE OUT, BOYS N' GIRLS! TIME FOR A LITTLE GASHIN' AN' GUTTIN'!
WHO--?
NO!
NOT NOW--NOT EVER!
SURELY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN CLOAK!
EVER SINCE DAGGER WAS VAPORIZED IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST,* I'VE BEEN TELEPORTING INTO EVERY RAT-HOLE IN THIS CITY-- --INCLUDING ONES YOU USED TO FREQUENT, SHRIEK--SEARCHING FOR THE SCUM RESPONSIBLE FOR HER DEATH!
NOW I'VE FOUND YOU, AND YOU'RE GOING TO PAY...
...IN KIND!
*IN WEB #101. --D.

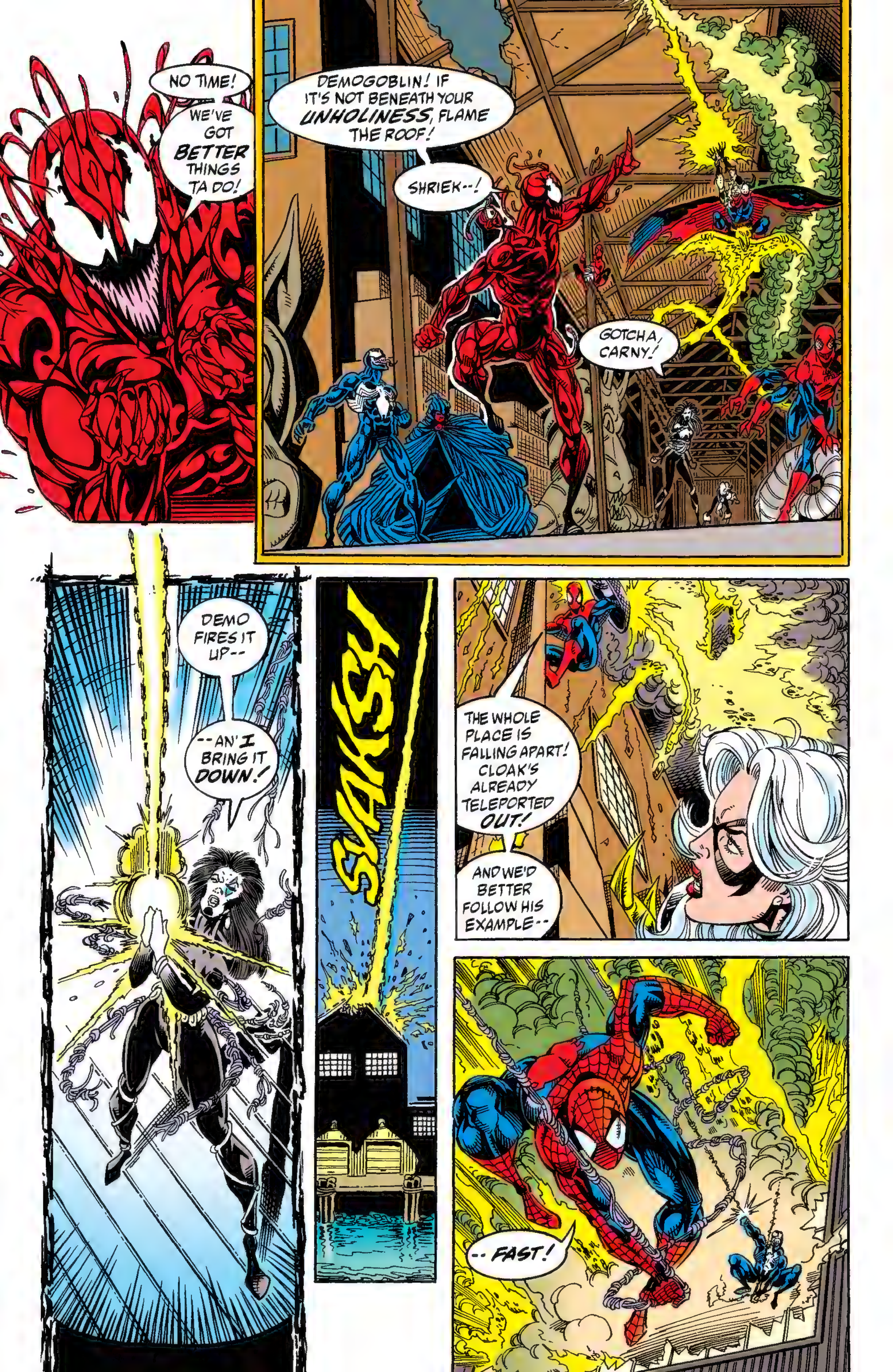

NOTHING!
HERE, EITHER!
AND I'M NOT PICKING UP ANYTHING ON LOCAL NEWS REPORTS! BUT WE'VE *GOT* TO FIND THEM! THERE HAS TO BE SOME CLUE, SOME *SIGN*--!
SHEEE-VAKKK
OVER HERE!

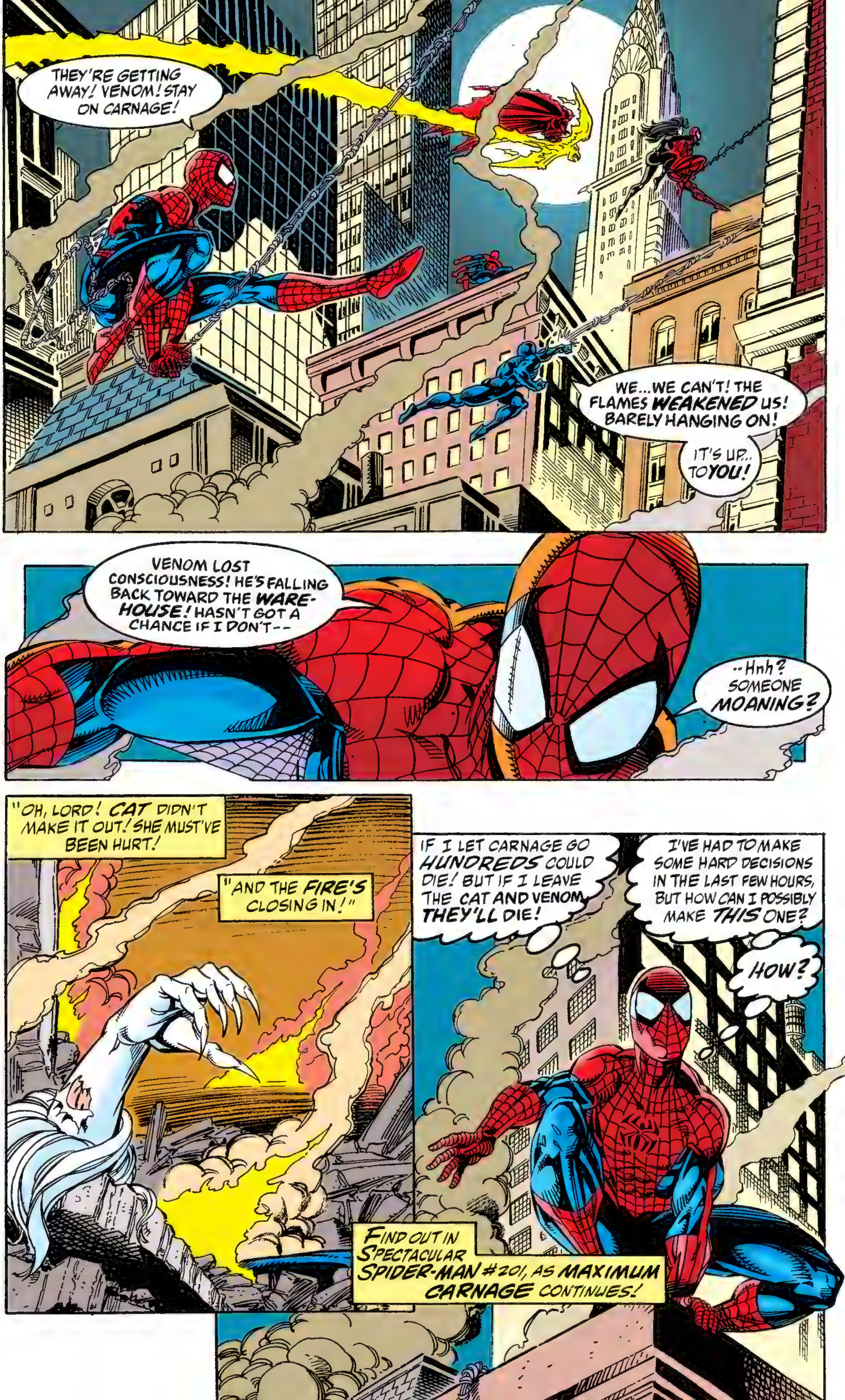

YOUR SOUND BURST... HURT...
... BUT IT DIDN'T... STOP ME!
THEN PERHAPS BURNING WILL!
NOT WHEN MY CLOAK... CAN ABSORB YOUR FIRE INTO THE DARK DIMENSION BEFORE--
AAAAAAAGGHH!
SHVVREEEEEK
HE'S DOWN!
DOPPELGANGER--
--FINISH HIM!
NO!


TALK ABOUT THE NICK OF TIME!
JUST REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ABOUT NOT *KILLING*--!
I *KNEW* THIS WAS A MISTAKE...!
CARNAGE BRAINS!
YUM!
LOOKS LIKE THE *BOYS* ARE BUSY!
HOW ABOUT YOU AND *I* DANCE AWHILE?
DOPPEL!
OW!
TH-THAT FREAK'S WEBLINE!
CUTTING THROUGH MY *BOOT!*


BUT THE POLARIZED MESH CLAWS IN MY GLOVES CAN DO SOME SNAZZY SNIPPING OF THEIR OWN!
SLAKT
NOW, ABOUT THAT WALTZ...?
YOUR SENSELESS SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS IS ABOUT TO END, KASADY!
GET REAL, POPS! I ALMOST SCRUBBED YOU AN' THE SPIDER-GUY BEFORE--
-- AN' THIS TIME I'M NOT ALONE!
NEITHER ARE WE!
YES! THE DARK DIMENSION WILL TEACH HIM A LESSON NO EARTHLY PUNISHMENT COULD MATCH!
OH, NO!
I UNDERESTIMATED CLOAK'S RAGE! HE'S LIABLE TO--


FAT CHANCE, SPARKY! WITH THIS COSTUME, I'M **STRONGER** THAN ANY DOPEY DIMENSION!
HE'S PULLING FREE!
AND I'M **HAPPY** ABOUT THAT?!?
'COURSE, LEAVIN' SOME O' MYSELF **BEHIND** SMARTS A BIT!
SPAK SPAK SPAK SPAK
BUT Y'KNOW WHAT THEY SAY: "NO PAIN, NO REIGN"--
-- OF **TERROR**, THAT IS!
I'D BETTER-- *huh?*
CAT!
LEAVE HER ALONE!
THWIPP THWIPP
WHAT THE--?!
NORMALLY, I KINDA **DIG** ON GUYS IN SPANDEX! BUT IN ABOUT THREE SECONDS, WHEN I BREAK OUTTA THESE LINES--
--I'M GONNA GIVE YOU SUCH A **HURT**!


NO TIME!
WE'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TA DO!
DEMOGOBLIN! IF IT'S NOT BENEATH YOUR UNHOLINESS, FLAME THE ROOF!
SHRIEK--!
GOTCHA, CARNY!
DEMO FIRES IT UP--
--AN' I BRING IT DOWN.!
SWAKSH
THE WHOLE PLACE IS FALLING APART! CLOAK'S ALREADY TELEPORTED OUT!
AND WE'D BETTER FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE--
--FAST!


THEY'RE GETTING AWAY! VENOM! STAY ON CARNAGE!
WE...WE CAN'T! THE FLAMES WEAKENED US! BARELY HANGING ON!
IT'S UP... TO YOU!
VENOM LOST CONSCIOUSNESS! HE'S FALLING BACK TOWARD THE WAREHOUSE! HASN'T GOT A CHANCE IF I DON'T--
--Hnh? SOMEONE MOANING?
"OH, LORD! CAT DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT! SHE MUST'VE BEEN HURT!
"AND THE FIRE'S CLOSING IN!"
IF I LET CARNAGE GO HUNDREDS COULD DIE! BUT IF I LEAVE THE CAT AND VENOM, THEY'LL DIE!
I'VE HAD TO MAKE SOME HARD DECISIONS IN THE LAST FEW HOURS, BUT HOW CAN I POSSIBLY MAKE THIS ONE?
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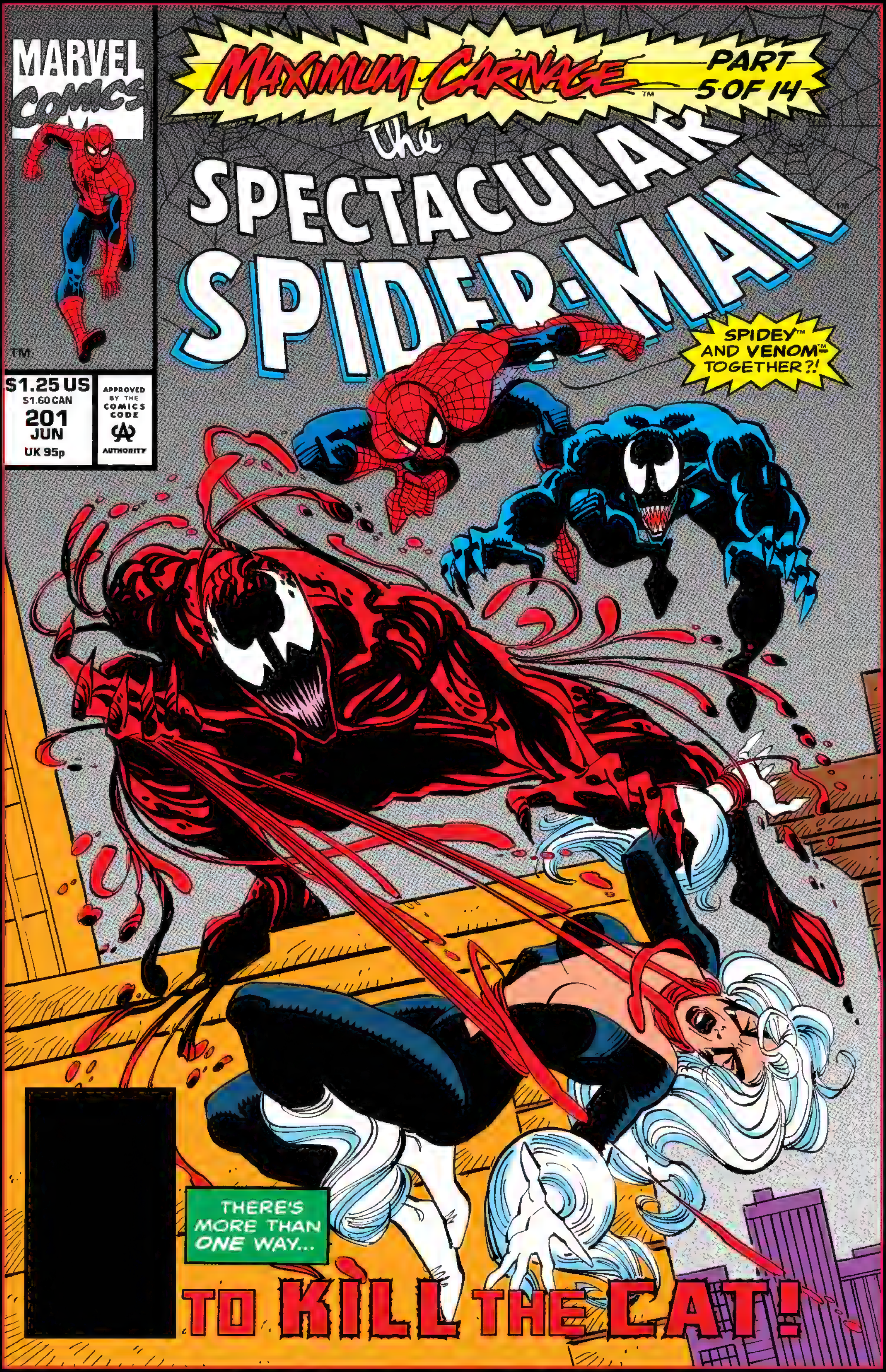
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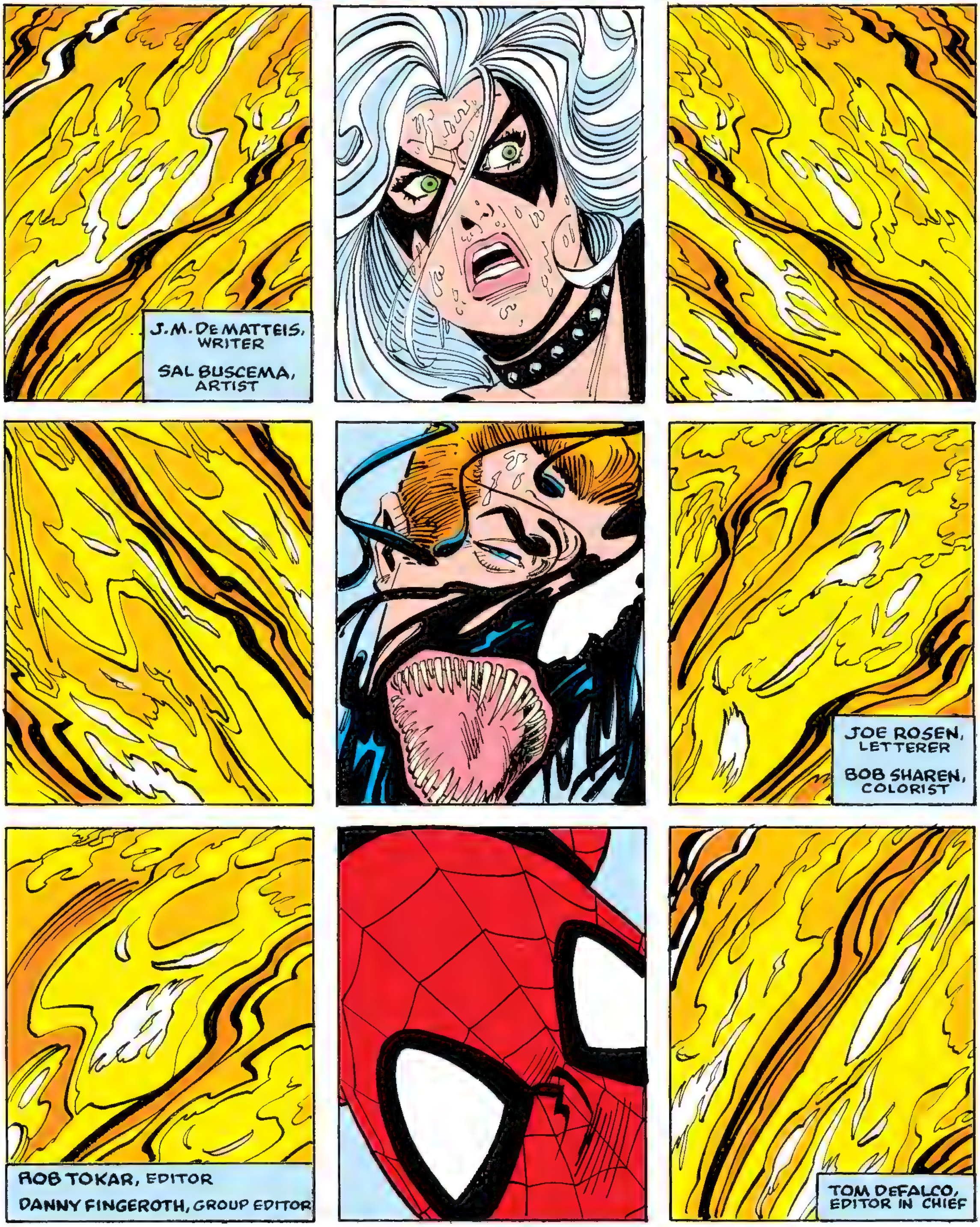

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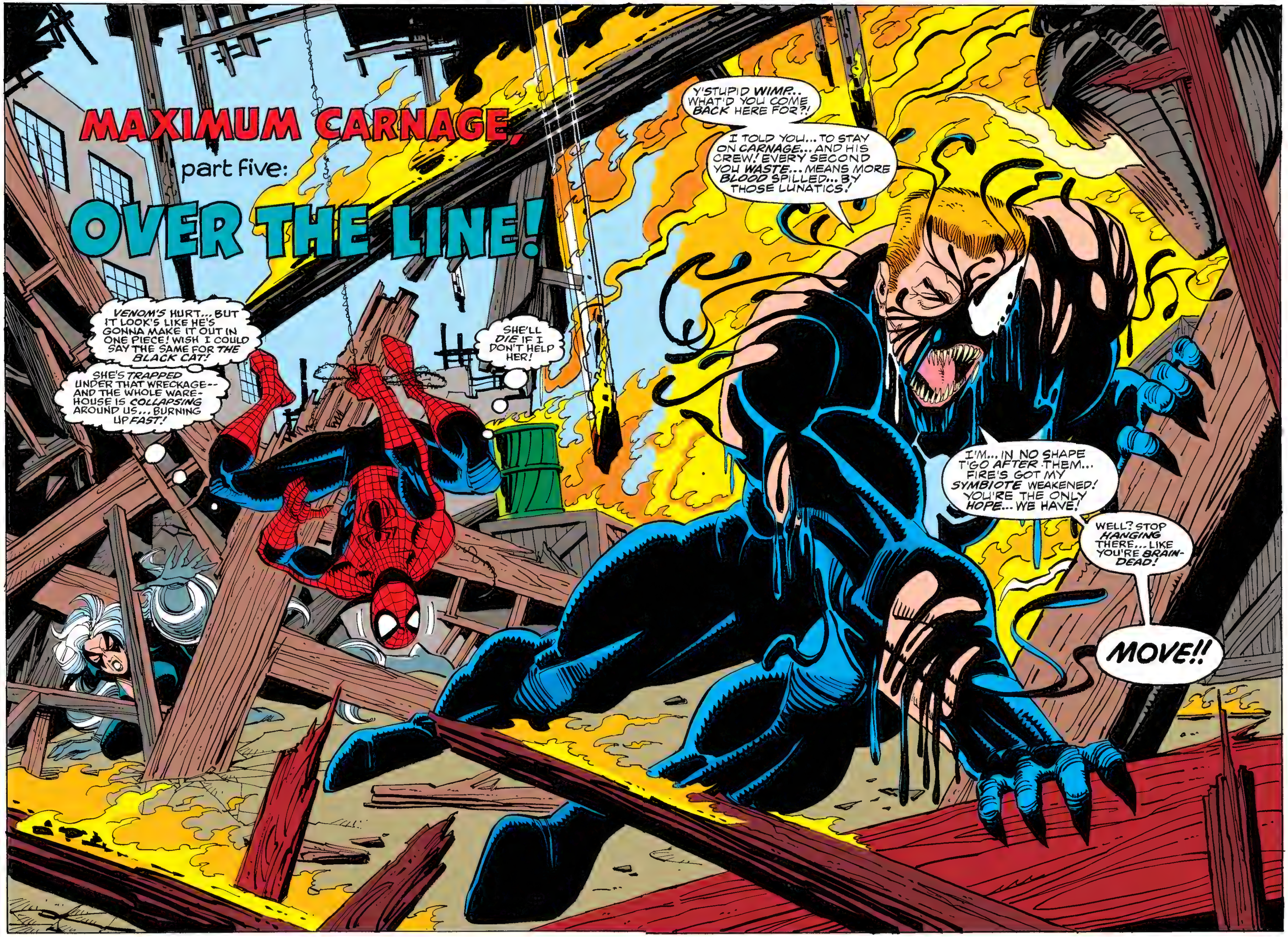
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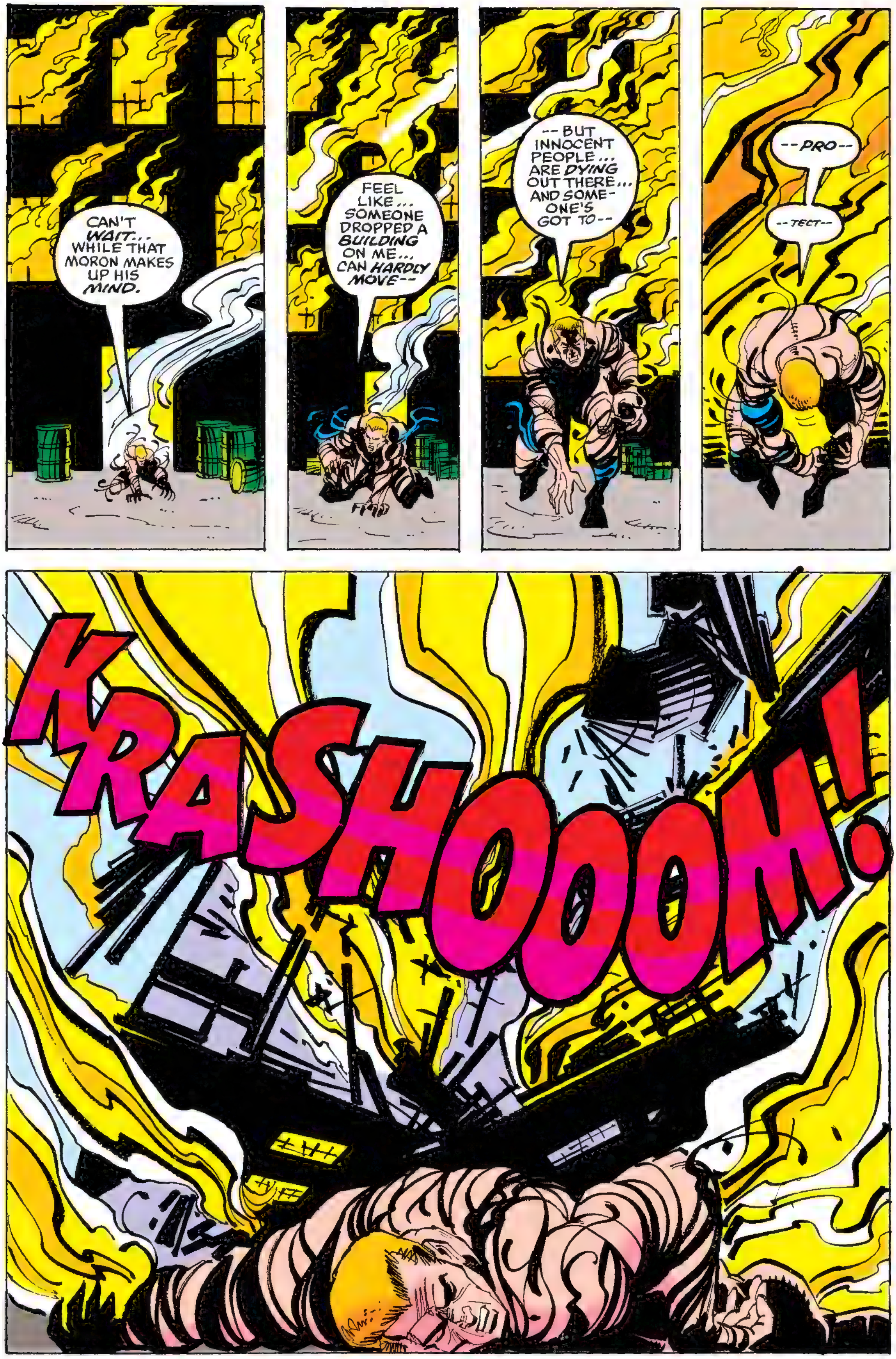
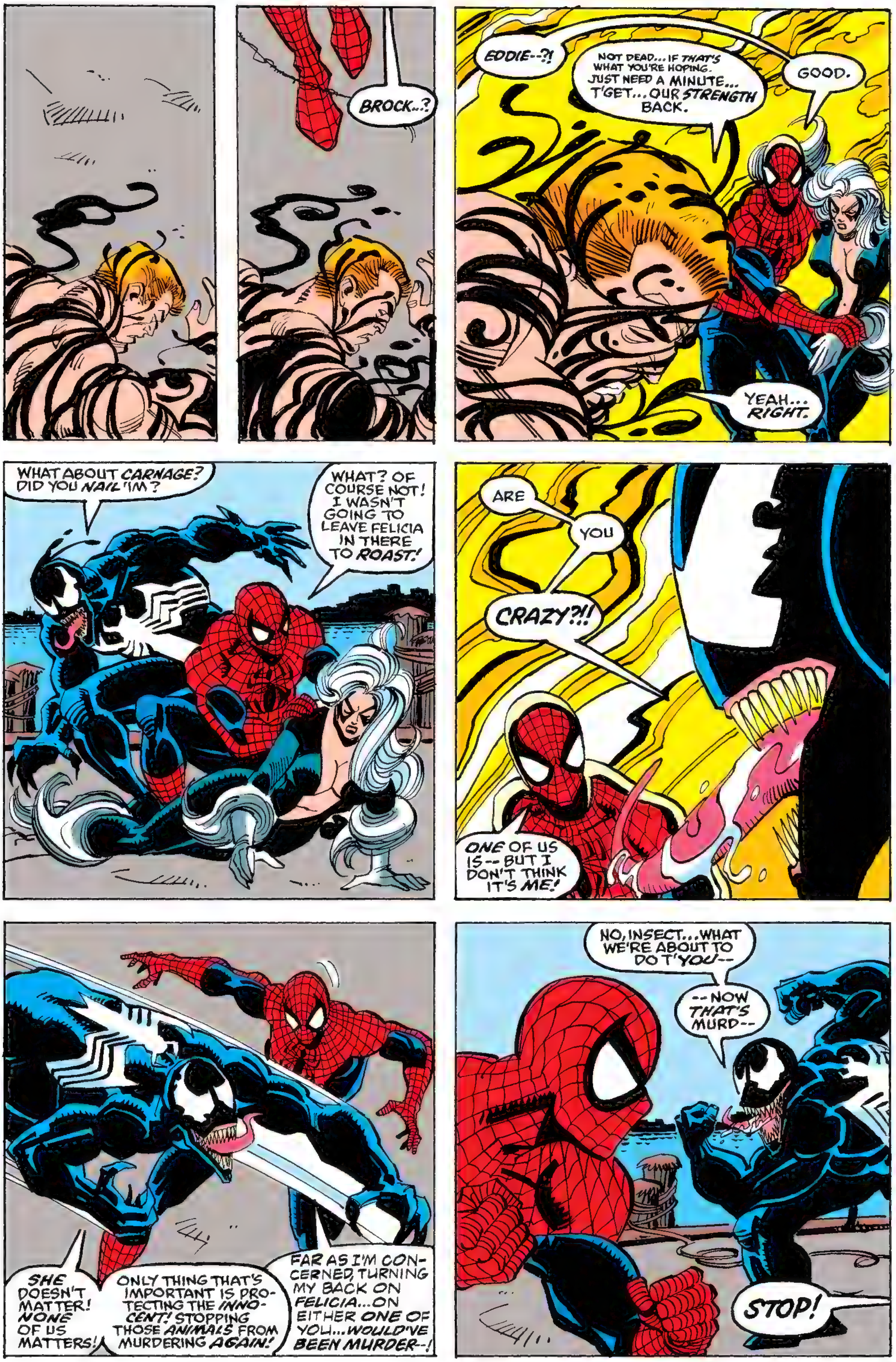
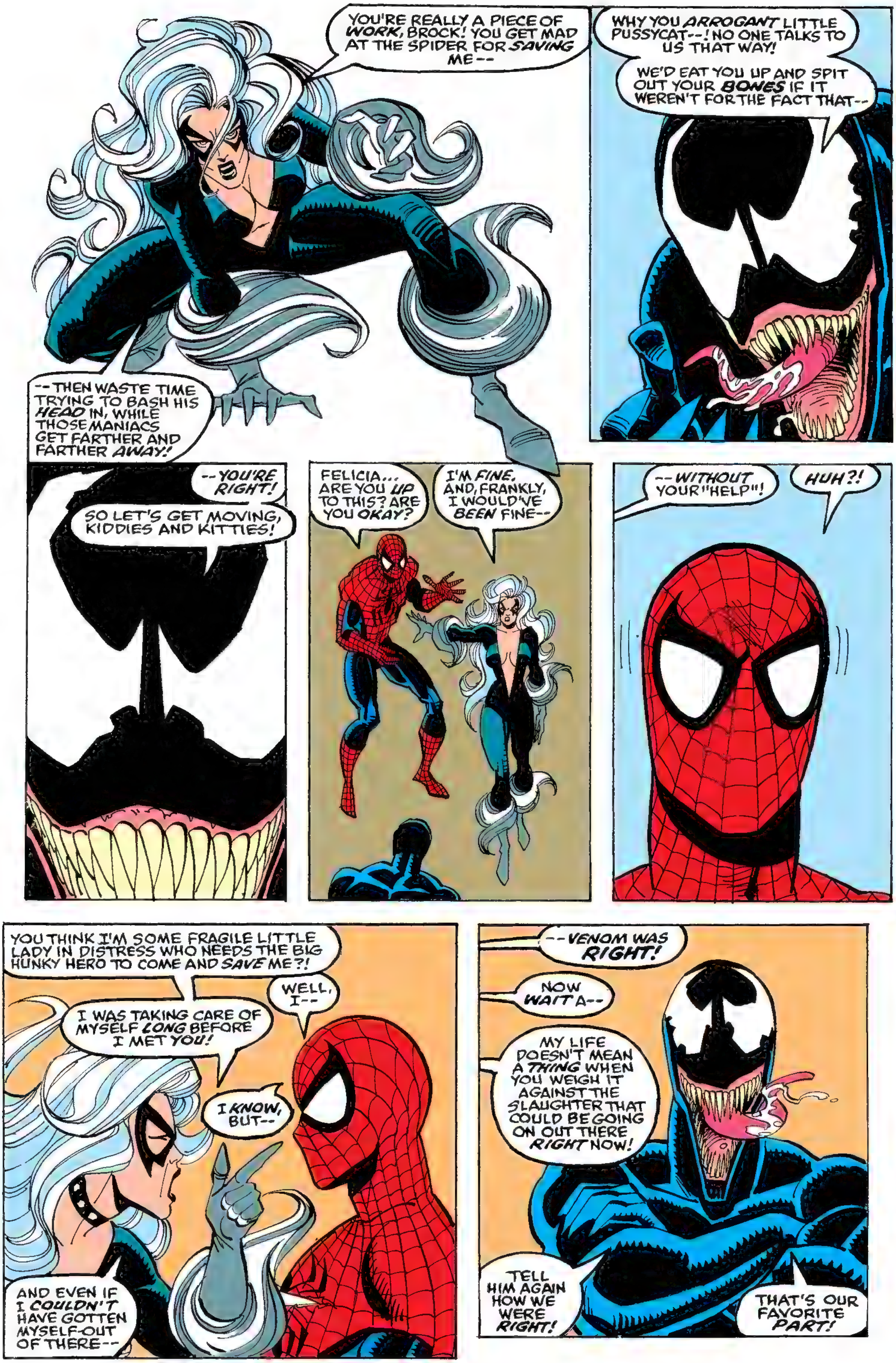
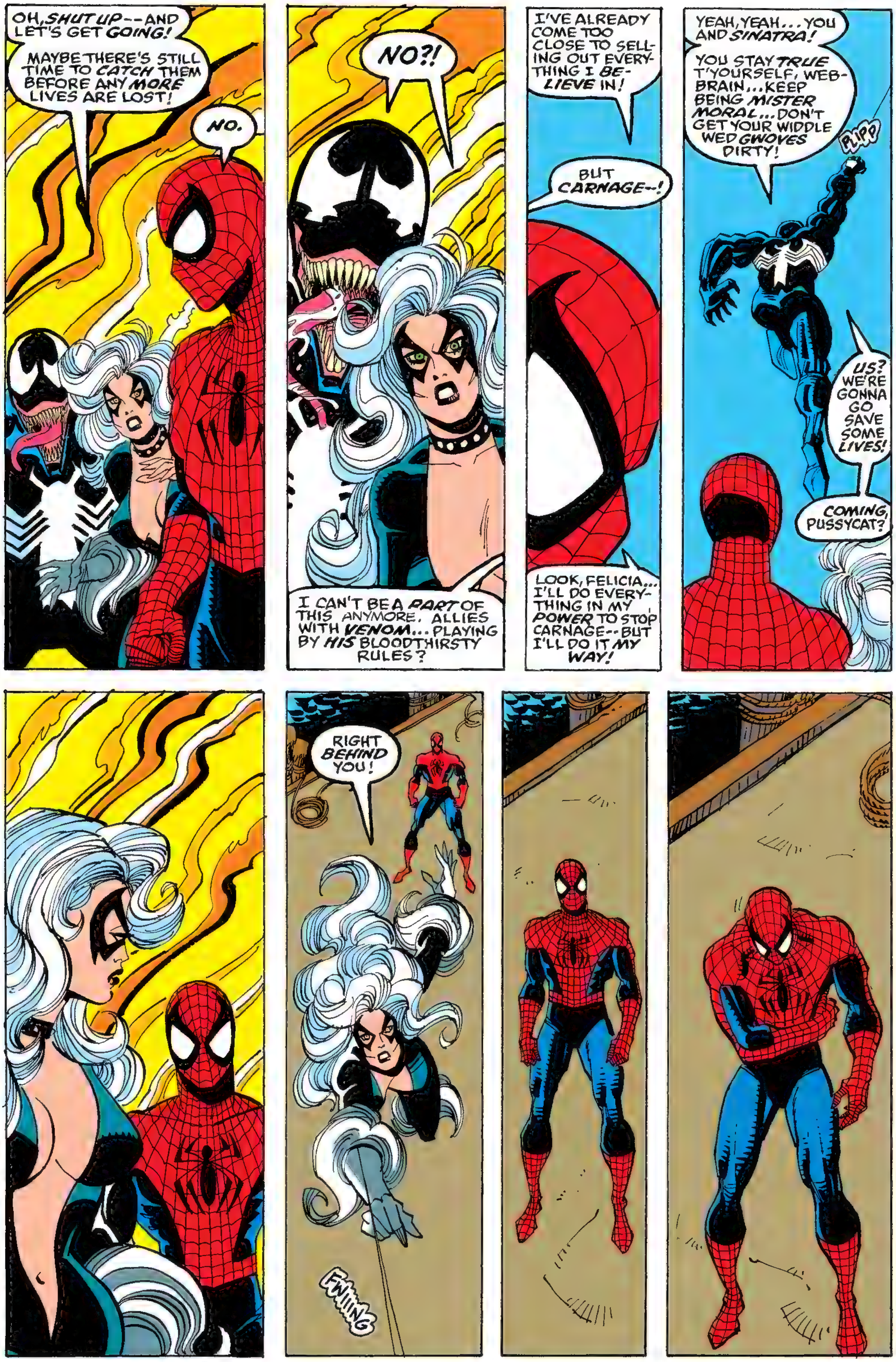
part five:
OVER THE LINE!
VENOM'S HURT... BUT IT LOOK'S LIKE HE'S GONNA MAKE IT OUT IN ONE PIECE! WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR THE BLACK CAT!
SHE'S TRAPPED UNDER THAT WRECKAGE-- AND THE WHOLE WAREHOUSE IS COLLAPSING AROUND US... BURNING UP FAST!
SHE'LL DIE IF I DON'T HELP HER!
Y'STUPID WIMP.. WHAT'D YOU COME BACK HERE FOR?!
I TOLD YOU... TO STAY ON CARNAGE... AND HIS CREW! EVERY SECOND YOU WASTE... MEANS MORE BLOOD SPILLED... BY THOSE LUNATICS!
I'M... IN NO SHAPE T'GO AFTER THEM... FIRE'S GOT MY SYMBIOTE WEAKENED! YOU'RE THE ONLY HOPE... WE HAVE!
WELL? STOP HANGING THERE... LIKE YOU'RE BRAIN-DEAD!
MOVE!!


CAN'T *WAIT...* WHILE THAT MORON MAKES UP HIS *MIND.*
FEEL LIKE... SOMEONE DROPPED A *BUILDING* ON ME... CAN *HARDLY MOVE*--
--BUT INNOCENT PEOPLE... ARE *DYING* OUT THERE... AND SOME-ONE'S GOT TO--
--*PRO*--
--*TECT*--
KRASHOOOM!


BROCK..?
EDDIE--?!
NOT DEAD... IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE HOPING. JUST NEED A MINUTE... T'GET... OUR STRENGTH BACK.
GOOD.
YEAH... RIGHT.
WHAT ABOUT CARNAGE? DID YOU NAIL 'IM?
WHAT? OF COURSE NOT! I WASN'T GOING TO LEAVE FELICIA IN THERE TO ROAST!
ARE
YOU
CRAZY?!!
ONE OF US IS -- BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S ME!
SHE DOESN'T MATTER! NONE OF US MATTERS!
ONLY THING THAT'S IMPORTANT IS PROTECTING THE INNOCENT! STOPPING THOSE ANIMALS FROM MURDERING AGAIN!
FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, TURNING MY BACK ON FELICIA...ON EITHER ONE OF YOU...WOULD'VE BEEN MURDER--!
NO, INSECT...WHAT WE'RE ABOUT TO DO T'YOU--
--NOW THAT'S MURD--
STOP!


YOU'RE REALLY A PIECE OF *WORK*, BROCK! YOU GET MAD AT THE SPIDER FOR *SAVING* ME--
--THEN WASTE TIME TRYING TO BASH HIS *HEAD* IN, WHILE THOSE MANIACS GET FARTHER AND FARTHER *AWAY!*
WHY YOU *ARROGANT* LITTLE PUSSYCAT--! NO ONE TALKS TO US THAT WAY!
WE'D EAT YOU UP AND SPIT OUT YOUR *BONES* IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE FACT THAT--
--*YOU'RE RIGHT!*
SO LET'S GET MOVING, KIDDIES AND KITTIES!
FELICIA... ARE YOU *UP* TO THIS? ARE YOU *OKAY?*
I'M *FINE.* AND, FRANKLY, I WOULD'VE *BEEN* FINE--
--*WITHOUT* YOUR "HELP"!
HUH?!
YOU THINK I'M SOME FRAGILE LITTLE LADY IN DISTRESS WHO NEEDS THE BIG HUNKY HERO TO COME AND *SAVE* ME?!
WELL, I--
I WAS TAKING CARE OF MYSELF *LONG* BEFORE I MET *YOU!*
I *KNOW,* BUT--
AND EVEN IF I *COULDN'T* HAVE GOTTEN MYSELF OUT OF THERE--
--*VENOM WAS RIGHT!*
NOW *WAIT* A--
MY LIFE DOESN'T MEAN A *THING* WHEN YOU WEIGH IT AGAINST THE SLAUGHTER THAT COULD BE GOING ON OUT THERE *RIGHT* NOW!
TELL HIM AGAIN HOW WE WERE *RIGHT!*
THAT'S OUR FAVORITE *PART!*


OH, SHUT UP--AND LET'S GET GOING!
MAYBE THERE'S STILL TIME TO CATCH THEM BEFORE ANY MORE LIVES ARE LOST!
NO.
NO?!
I CAN'T BE A PART OF THIS ANYMORE. ALLIES WITH VENOM... PLAYING BY HIS BLOODTHIRSTY RULES?
I'VE ALREADY COME TOO CLOSE TO SELLING OUT EVERYTHING I BELIEVE IN!
BUT CARNAGE--!
LOOK, FELICIA... I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO STOP CARNAGE--BUT I'LL DO IT MY WAY!
YEAH, YEAH... YOU AND SINATRA!
YOU STAY TRUE T'YOURSELF, WEB-BRAIN... KEEP BEING MISTER MORAL... DON'T GET YOUR WIDDLE WED GWOVES DIRTY!
FLIPP
US? WE'RE GONNA GO SAVE SOME LIVES!
COMING, PUSSYCAT?
RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
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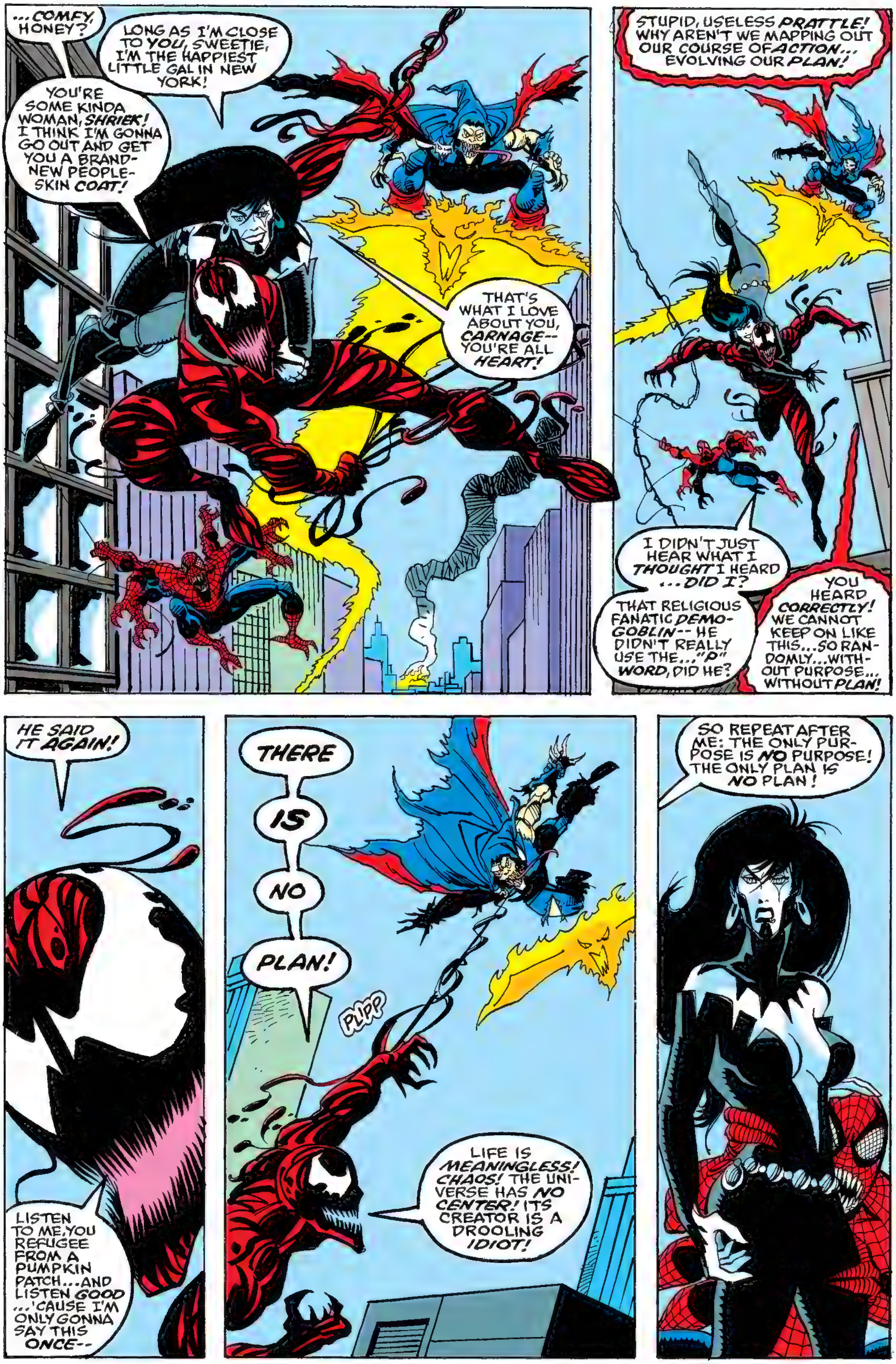
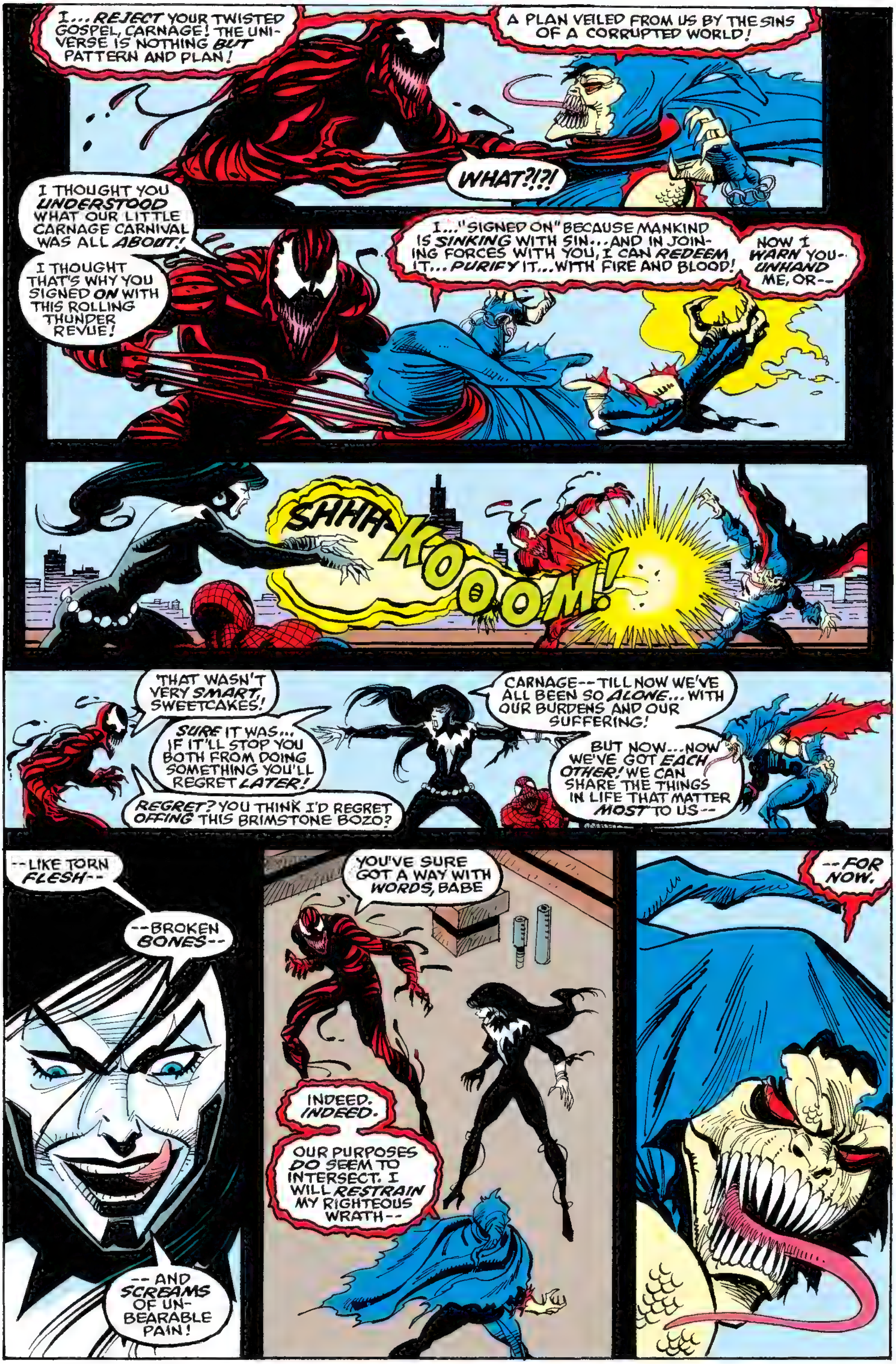
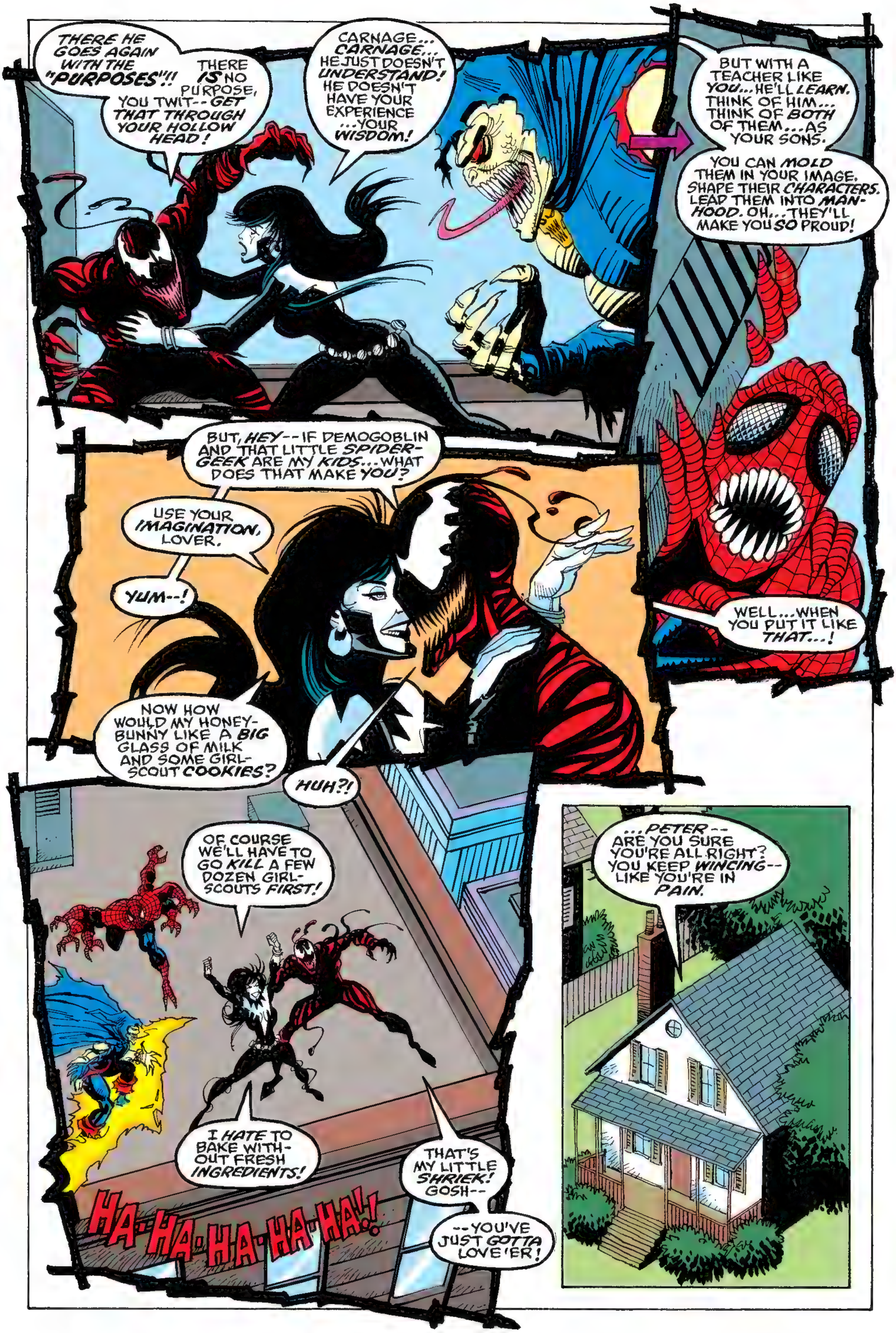
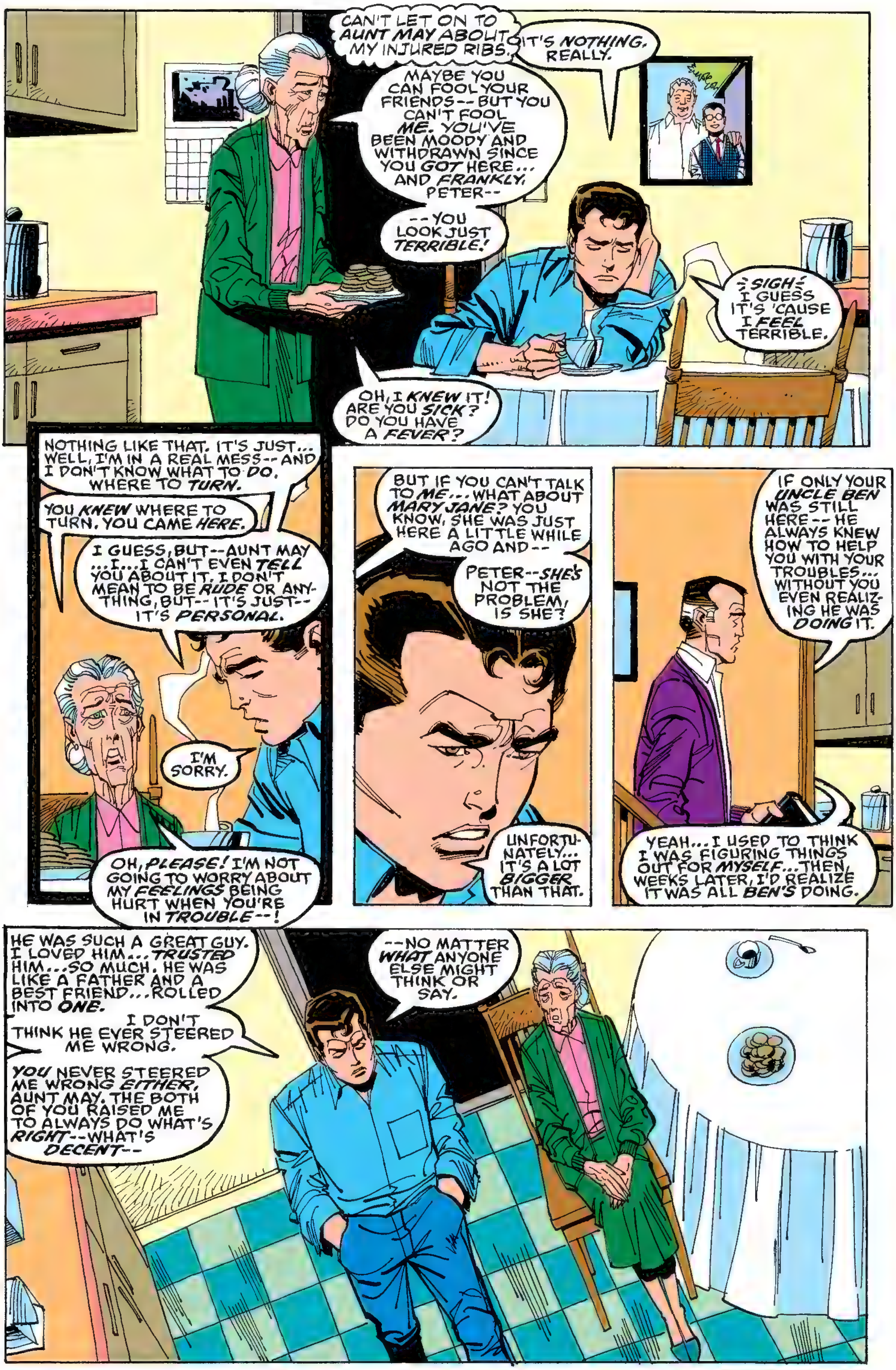
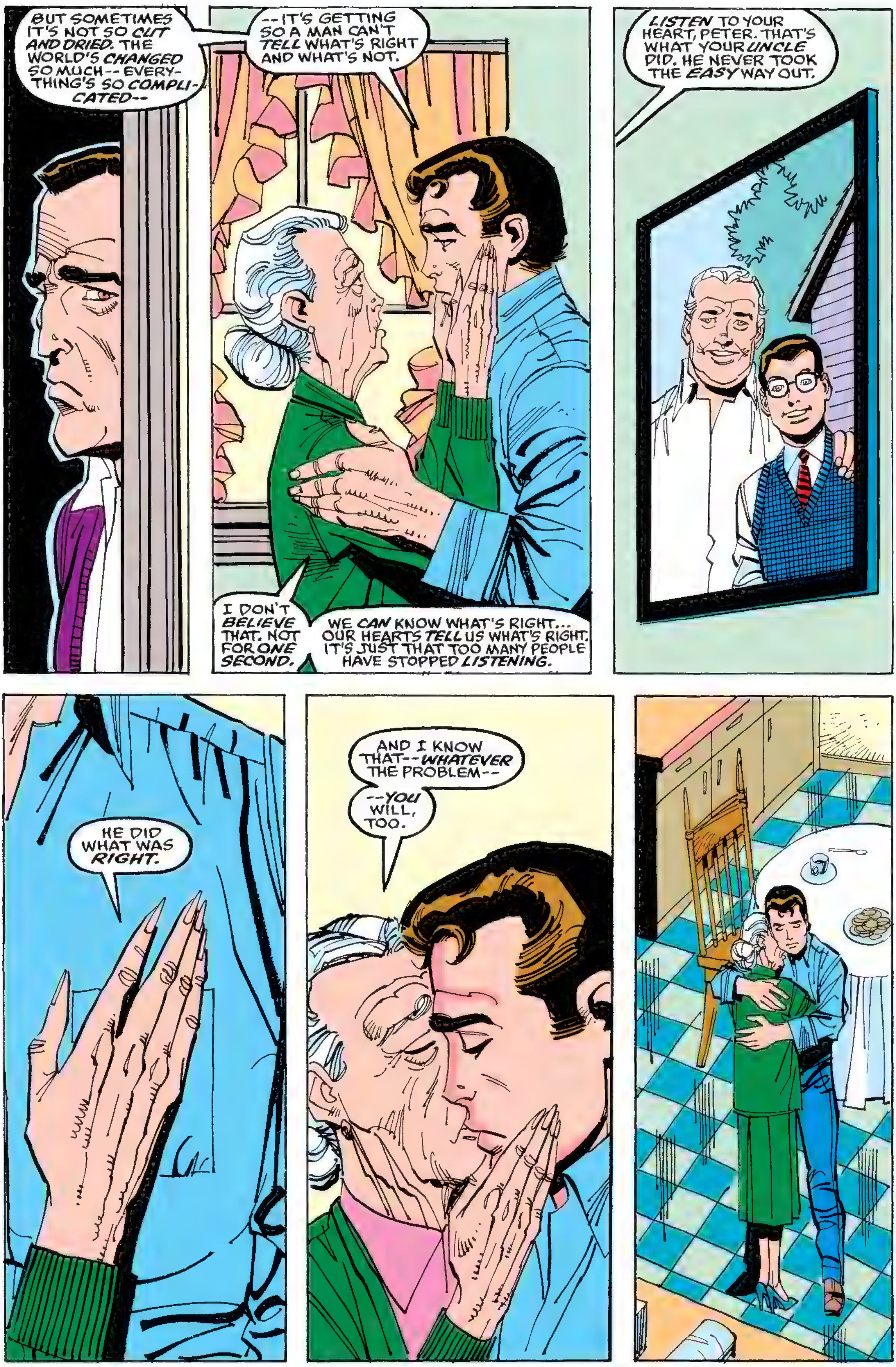
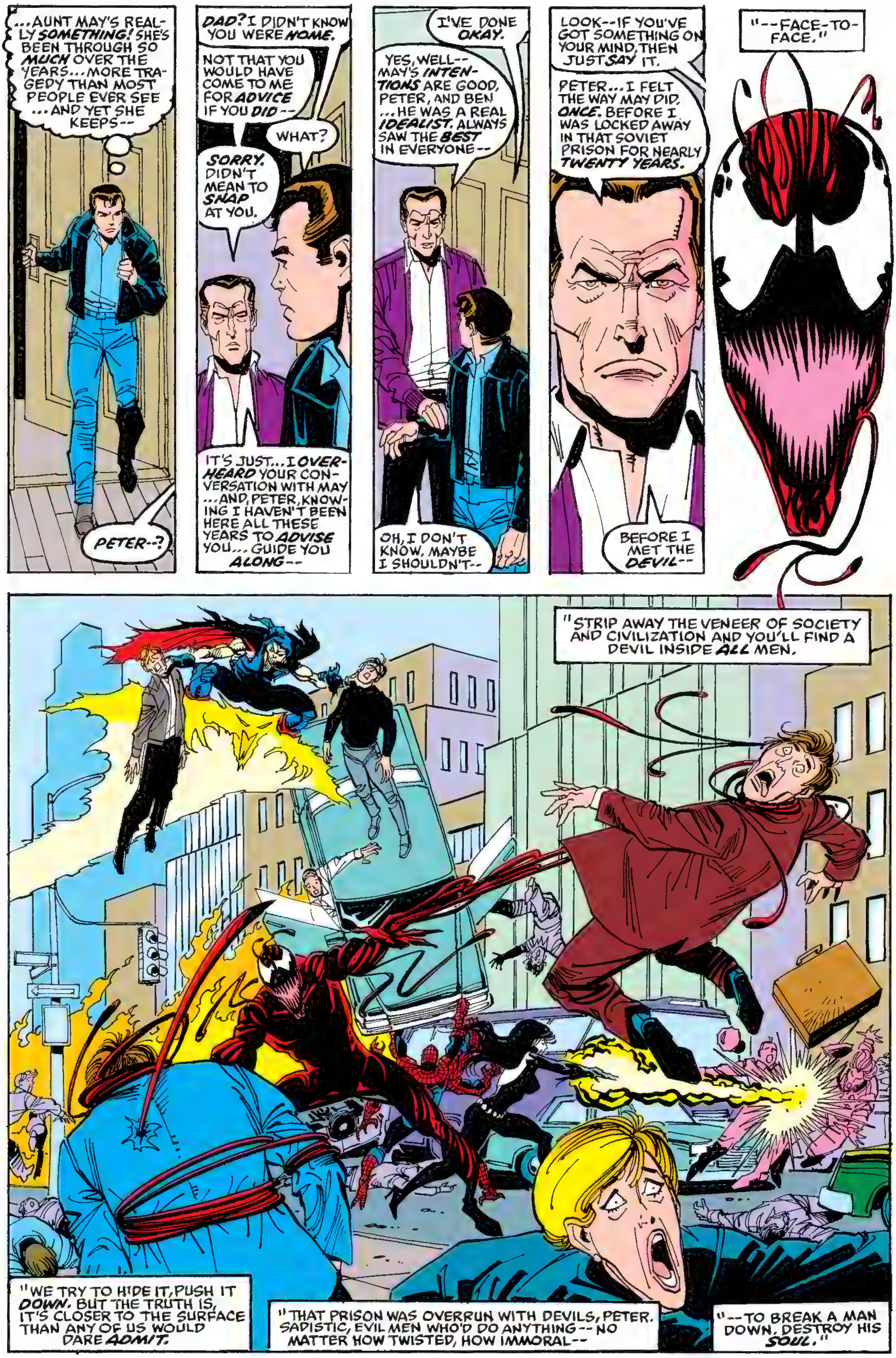

...COMFY, HONEY?
LONG AS I'M CLOSE TO YOU, SWEETIE, I'M THE HAPPIEST LITTLE GAL IN NEW YORK!
YOU'RE SOME KINDA WOMAN, SHRIEK! I THINK I'M GONNA GO OUT AND GET YOU A BRAND-NEW PEOPLE-SKIN COAT!
THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT YOU, CARNAGE-- YOU'RE ALL HEART!
STUPID, USELESS PRATTLE! WHY AREN'T WE MAPPING OUT OUR COURSE OF ACTION... EVOLVING OUR PLAN!
I DIDN'T JUST HEAR WHAT I THOUGHT I HEARD ...DID I?
THAT RELIGIOUS FANATIC DEMOGOBLIN-- HE DIDN'T REALLY USE THE..."P" WORD, DID HE?
YOU HEARD CORRECTLY! WE CANNOT KEEP ON LIKE THIS...SO RANDOMLY...WITHOUT PURPOSE... WITHOUT PLAN!
HE SAID IT AGAIN!
LISTEN TO ME, YOU REFUGEE FROM A PUMPKIN PATCH...AND LISTEN GOOD ...'CAUSE I'M ONLY GONNA SAY THIS ONCE--
THERE IS NO PLAN!
PLIPP
LIFE IS MEANINGLESS! CHAOS! THE UNIVERSE HAS NO CENTER! ITS CREATOR IS A DROOLING IDIOT!
SO REPEAT AFTER ME: THE ONLY PURPOSE IS NO PURPOSE! THE ONLY PLAN IS NO PLAN!

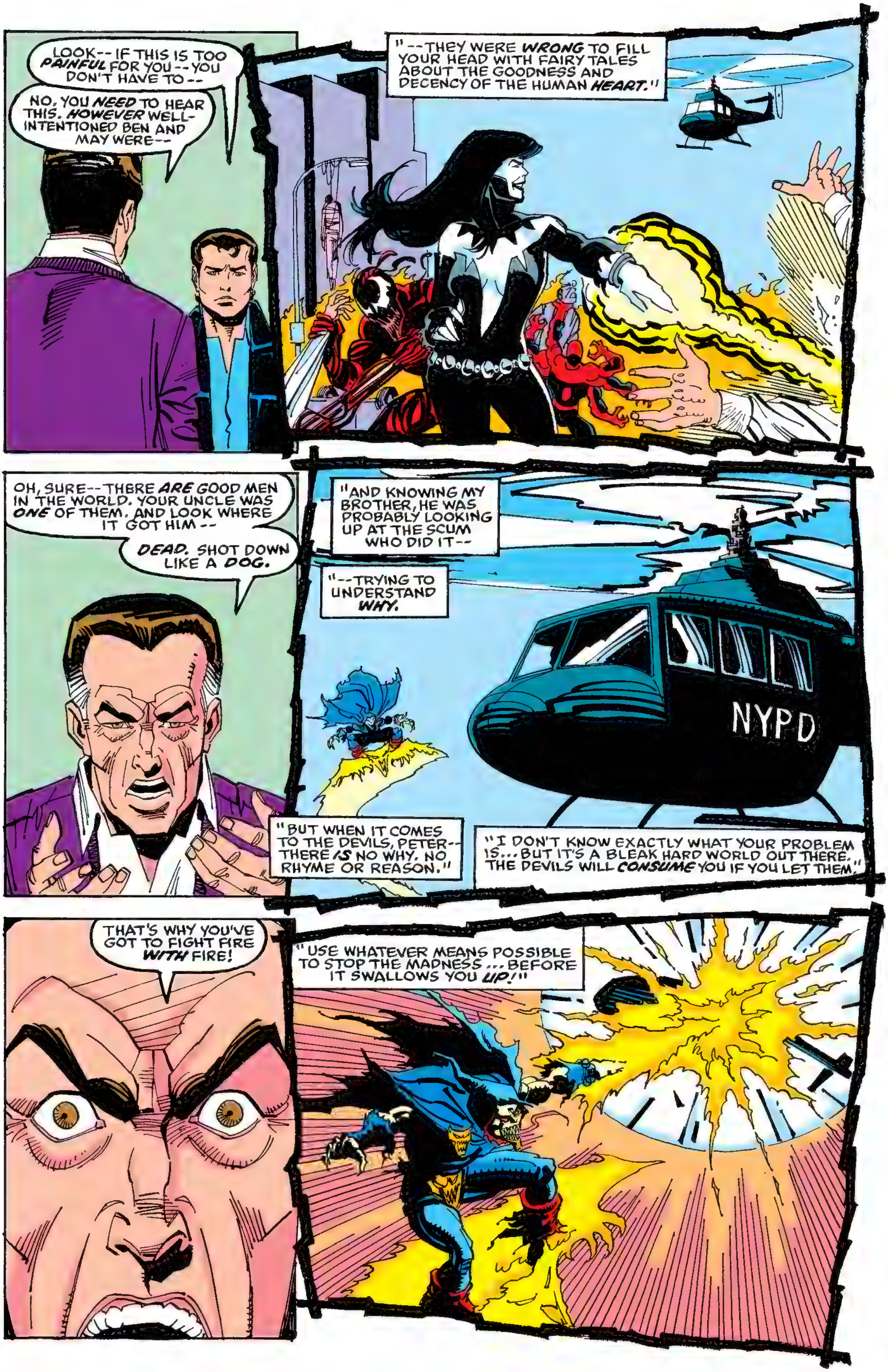

I... REJECT YOUR TWISTED GOSPEL, CARNAGE! THE UNIVERSE IS NOTHING BUT PATTERN AND PLAN!
A PLAN VEILED FROM US BY THE SINS OF A CORRUPTED WORLD!
WHAT?!?!
I THOUGHT YOU UNDERSTOOD WHAT OUR LITTLE CARNAGE CARNIVAL WAS ALL ABOUT!
I THOUGHT THAT'S WHY YOU SIGNED ON WITH THIS ROLLING THUNDER REVUE!
I..."SIGNED ON" BECAUSE MANKIND IS SINKING WITH SIN...AND IN JOINING FORCES WITH YOU, I CAN REDEEM IT...PURIFY IT...WITH FIRE AND BLOOD!
NOW I WARN YOU-- UNHAND ME, OR--
SHHH-KOOOOM!
THAT WASN'T VERY SMART, SWEETCAKES!
SURE IT WAS... IF IT'LL STOP YOU BOTH FROM DOING SOMETHING YOU'LL REGRET LATER!
REGRET? YOU THINK I'D REGRET OFFING THIS BRIMSTONE BOZO?
CARNAGE--TILL NOW WE'VE ALL BEEN SO ALONE... WITH OUR BURDENS AND OUR SUFFERING!
BUT NOW...NOW WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER! WE CAN SHARE THE THINGS IN LIFE THAT MATTER MOST TO US--
--LIKE TORN FLESH--
--BROKEN BONES--
--AND SCREAMS OF UNBEARABLE PAIN!
YOU'VE SURE GOT A WAY WITH WORDS, BABE
INDEED. INDEED.
OUR PURPOSES DO SEEM TO INTERSECT. I WILL RESTRAIN MY RIGHTEOUS WRATH--
--FOR NOW.

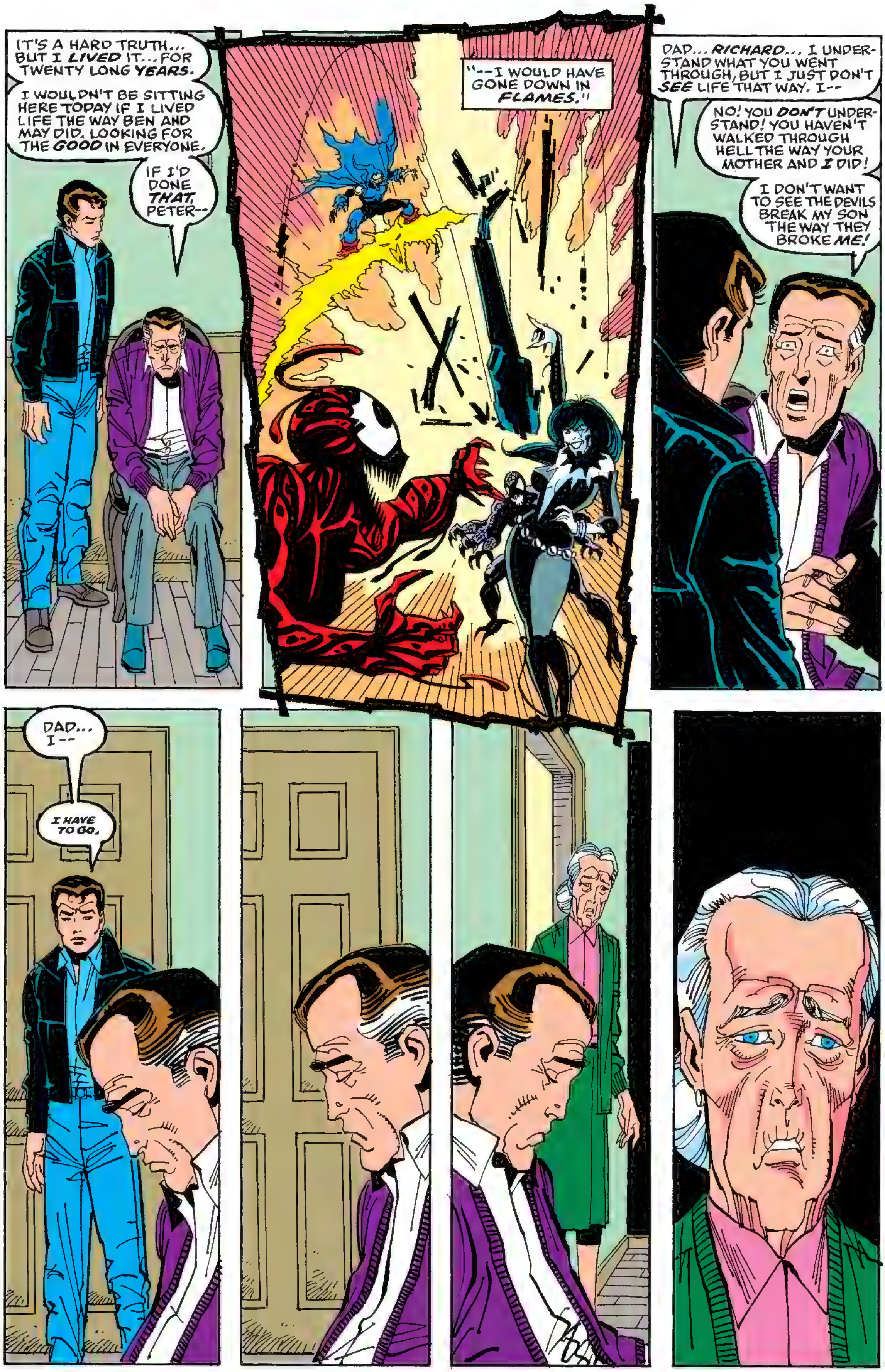

THERE HE GOES AGAIN WITH THE "PURPOSES"!! THERE IS NO PURPOSE, YOU TWIT--GET THAT THROUGH YOUR HOLLOW HEAD!
CARNAGE... CARNAGE... HE JUST DOESN'T UNDERSTAND! HE DOESN'T HAVE YOUR EXPERIENCE ...YOUR WISDOM!
BUT WITH A TEACHER LIKE YOU... HE'LL LEARN. THINK OF HIM... THINK OF BOTH OF THEM... AS YOUR SONS.
YOU CAN MOLD THEM IN YOUR IMAGE. SHAPE THEIR CHARACTERS. LEAD THEM INTO MANHOOD. OH... THEY'LL MAKE YOU SO PROUD!
BUT, HEY--IF DEMOGOBLIN AND THAT LITTLE SPIDER-GEEK ARE MY KIDS... WHAT DOES THAT MAKE YOU?
USE YOUR IMAGINATION, LOVER.
YUM--!
WELL... WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...!
NOW HOW WOULD MY HONEY-BUNNY LIKE A BIG GLASS OF MILK AND SOME GIRL-SCOUT COOKIES?
HUH?!
OF COURSE WE'LL HAVE TO GO KILL A FEW DOZEN GIRL-SCOUTS FIRST!
I HATE TO BAKE WITHOUT FRESH INGREDIENTS!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!
THAT'S MY LITTLE SHRIEK! GOSH--
--YOU'VE JUST GOTTA LOVE 'ER!
...PETER--ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT? YOU KEEP WINCING--LIKE YOU'RE IN PAIN.

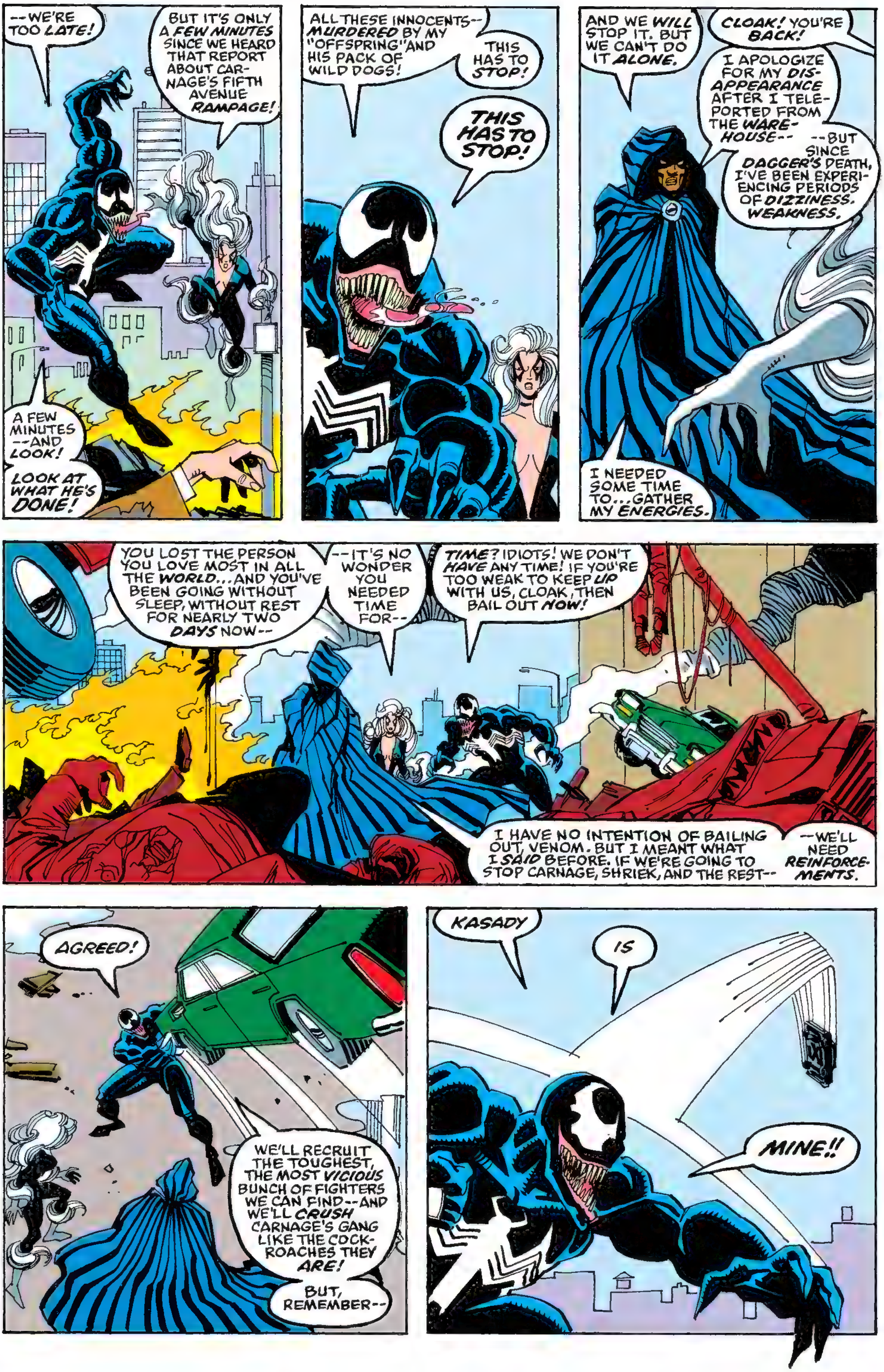

CAN'T LET ON TO AUNT MAY ABOUT MY INJURED RIBS.
IT'S NOTHING, REALLY.
MAYBE YOU CAN FOOL YOUR FRIENDS--BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME. YOU'VE BEEN MOODY AND WITHDRAWN SINCE YOU GOT HERE... AND FRANKLY, PETER--
--YOU LOOK JUST TERRIBLE!
SIGH I GUESS IT'S 'CAUSE I FEEL TERRIBLE.
OH, I KNEW IT! ARE YOU SICK? DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?
NOTHING LIKE THAT. IT'S JUST... WELL, I'M IN A REAL MESS--AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO TURN.
YOU KNEW WHERE TO TURN. YOU CAME HERE.
I GUESS, BUT--AUNT MAY ...I...I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU ABOUT IT. I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE OR ANYTHING, BUT--IT'S JUST--IT'S PERSONAL.
I'M SORRY.
OH, PLEASE! I'M NOT GOING TO WORRY ABOUT MY FEELINGS BEING HURT WHEN YOU'RE IN TROUBLE--!
BUT IF YOU CAN'T TALK TO ME... WHAT ABOUT MARY JANE? YOU KNOW, SHE WAS JUST HERE A LITTLE WHILE AGO AND--
PETER--SHE'S NOT THE PROBLEM, IS SHE?
UNFORTUNATELY... IT'S A LOT BIGGER THAN THAT.
IF ONLY YOUR UNCLE BEN WAS STILL HERE--HE ALWAYS KNEW HOW TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR TROUBLES... WITHOUT YOU EVEN REALIZING HE WAS DOING IT.
YEAH... I USED TO THINK I WAS FIGURING THINGS OUT FOR MYSELF... THEN, WEEKS LATER, I'D REALIZE IT WAS ALL BEN'S DOING.
HE WAS SUCH A GREAT GUY. I LOVED HIM... TRUSTED HIM... SO MUCH. HE WAS LIKE A FATHER AND A BEST FRIEND... ROLLED INTO ONE.
I DON'T THINK HE EVER STEERED ME WRONG.
YOU NEVER STEERED ME WRONG EITHER, AUNT MAY. THE BOTH OF YOU RAISED ME TO ALWAYS DO WHAT'S RIGHT--WHAT'S DECENT--
--NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE MIGHT THINK OR SAY.

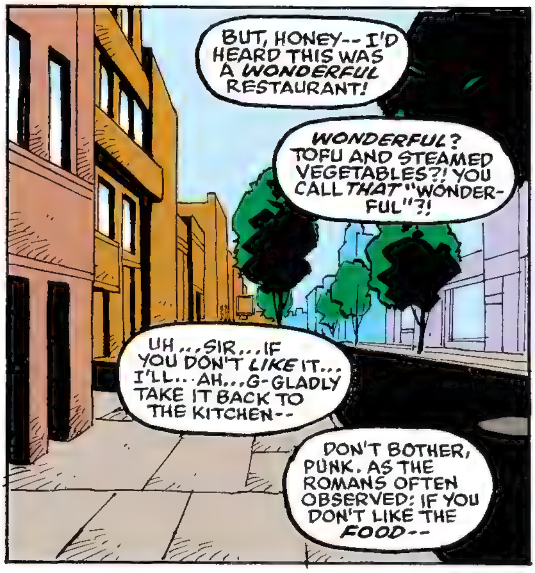

BUT SOMETIMES IT'S NOT SO *CUT AND DRIED.* THE WORLD'S *CHANGED* SO MUCH-- EVERYTHING'S SO *COMPLICATED*--
--IT'S GETTING SO A MAN CAN'T *TELL* WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S NOT.
I DON'T *BELIEVE* THAT. NOT FOR *ONE SECOND.*
WE *CAN* KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT... OUR HEARTS *TELL* US WHAT'S RIGHT. IT'S JUST THAT TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE STOPPED *LISTENING.*
LISTEN TO YOUR HEART, PETER. THAT'S WHAT YOUR *UNCLE* DID. HE NEVER TOOK THE *EASY* WAY OUT.
HE DID WHAT WAS *RIGHT.*
AND I KNOW THAT-- *WHATEVER* THE PROBLEM--
--*YOU* WILL, TOO.

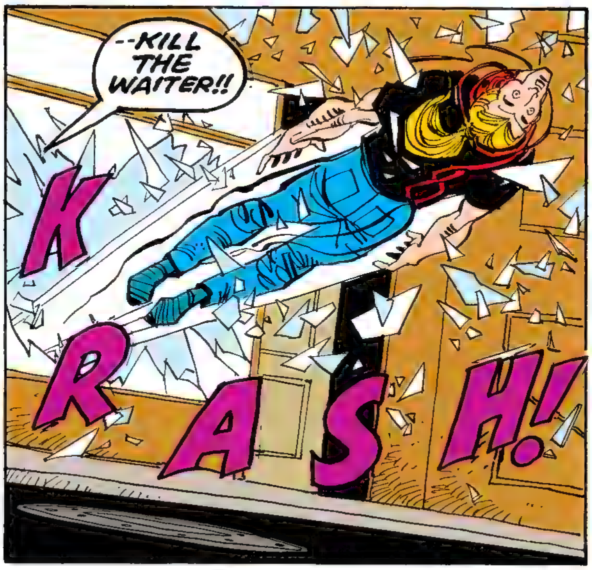

...AUNT MAY'S REALLY SOMETHING! SHE'S BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH OVER THE YEARS... MORE TRAGEDY THAN MOST PEOPLE EVER SEE ...AND YET SHE KEEPS--
PETER--?
DAD? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HOME.
NOT THAT YOU WOULD HAVE COME TO ME FOR ADVICE IF YOU DID--
WHAT?
SORRY. DIDN'T MEAN TO SNAP AT YOU.
IT'S JUST... I OVERHEARD YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MAY ...AND, PETER, KNOWING I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE ALL THESE YEARS TO ADVISE YOU... GUIDE YOU ALONG--
I'VE DONE OKAY.
YES, WELL-- MAY'S INTENTIONS ARE GOOD, PETER, AND BEN ...HE WAS A REAL IDEALIST. ALWAYS SAW THE BEST IN EVERYONE--
OH, I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE I SHOULDN'T--
LOOK--IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND, THEN JUST SAY IT.
PETER... I FELT THE WAY MAY DID, ONCE. BEFORE I WAS LOCKED AWAY IN THAT SOVIET PRISON FOR NEARLY TWENTY YEARS.
BEFORE I MET THE DEVIL--
"--FACE-TO-FACE."
"STRIP AWAY THE VENEER OF SOCIETY AND CIVILIZATION AND YOU'LL FIND A DEVIL INSIDE ALL MEN.
"WE TRY TO HIDE IT, PUSH IT DOWN. BUT THE TRUTH IS, IT'S CLOSER TO THE SURFACE THAN ANY OF US WOULD DARE ADMIT.
"THAT PRISON WAS OVERRUN WITH DEVILS, PETER. SADISTIC, EVIL MEN WHO'D DO ANYTHING--NO MATTER HOW TWISTED, HOW IMMORAL--
"--TO BREAK A MAN DOWN, DESTROY HIS SOUL."

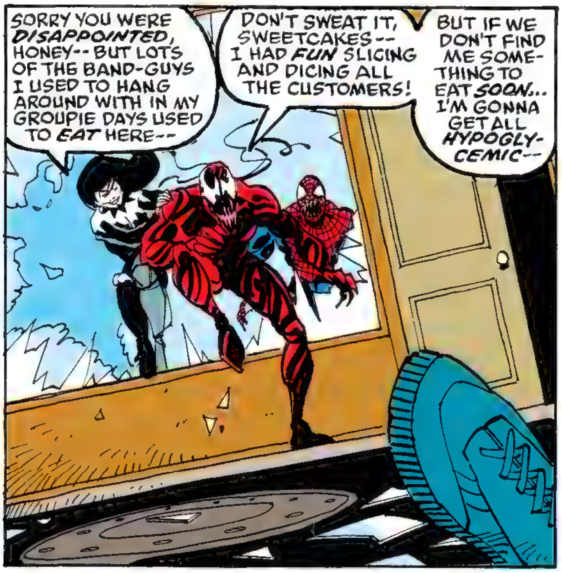

LOOK-- IF THIS IS TOO *PAINFUL* FOR YOU-- YOU DON'T HAVE TO--
NO, YOU *NEED* TO HEAR THIS. *HOWEVER* WELL-INTENTIONED BEN AND MAY WERE--
"--THEY WERE *WRONG* TO FILL YOUR HEAD WITH FAIRY TALES ABOUT THE GOODNESS AND DECENCY OF THE HUMAN *HEART.*"
OH, SURE-- THERE *ARE* GOOD MEN IN THE WORLD. YOUR UNCLE WAS *ONE* OF THEM. AND LOOK WHERE IT GOT HIM--
DEAD. SHOT DOWN LIKE A *DOG.*
"AND KNOWING MY BROTHER, HE WAS PROBABLY LOOKING UP AT THE SCUM WHO DID IT--
"--TRYING TO UNDERSTAND *WHY.*
NYPD
"BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE DEVILS, PETER-- THERE *IS* NO WHY. NO RHYME OR REASON."
"I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS... BUT IT'S A BLEAK HARD WORLD OUT THERE. THE DEVILS WILL *CONSUME* YOU IF YOU LET THEM."
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT FIRE *WITH* FIRE!
"USE WHATEVER MEANS POSSIBLE TO STOP THE MADNESS... BEFORE IT SWALLOWS YOU *UP!*"

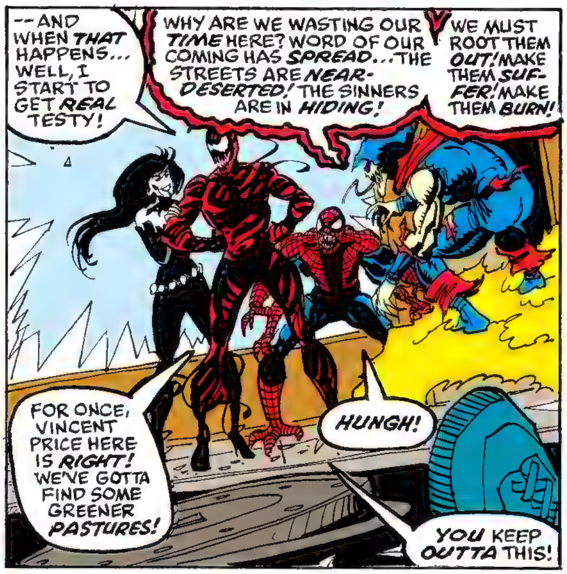

IT'S A HARD TRUTH... BUT I LIVED IT... FOR TWENTY LONG YEARS.
I WOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE TODAY IF I LIVED LIFE THE WAY BEN AND MAY DID. LOOKING FOR THE GOOD IN EVERYONE.
IF I'D DONE THAT, PETER--
"--I WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN IN FLAMES."
DAD... RICHARD... I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH, BUT I JUST DON'T SEE LIFE THAT WAY. I--
NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU HAVEN'T WALKED THROUGH HELL THE WAY YOUR MOTHER AND I DID!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE DEVILS BREAK MY SON THE WAY THEY BROKE ME!
DAD... I--
I HAVE TO GO.

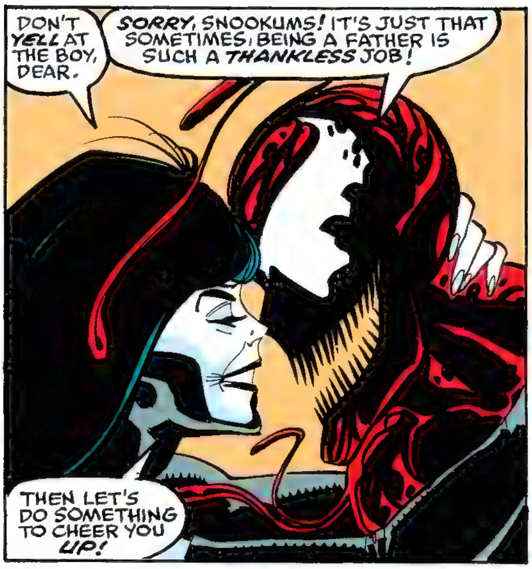

--WE'RE TOO *LATE!*
BUT IT'S ONLY A *FEW MINUTES* SINCE WE HEARD THAT REPORT ABOUT CARNAGE'S FIFTH AVENUE *RAMPAGE!*
A FEW MINUTES --AND *LOOK!*
LOOK AT WHAT HE'S DONE!
ALL THESE INNOCENTS-- *MURDERED* BY MY "OFFSPRING" AND HIS PACK OF WILD DOGS!
THIS HAS TO *STOP!*
THIS HAS TO STOP!
AND WE *WILL* STOP IT. BUT WE CAN'T DO IT *ALONE.*
CLOAK! YOU'RE *BACK!*
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY *DISAPPEARANCE* AFTER I TELEPORTED FROM THE *WAREHOUSE--*
--BUT SINCE *DAGGER'S* DEATH, I'VE BEEN EXPERIENCING PERIODS OF *DIZZINESS. WEAKNESS.*
I NEEDED SOME TIME TO...GATHER MY *ENERGIES.*
YOU LOST THE PERSON YOU LOVE MOST IN ALL THE *WORLD*... AND YOU'VE BEEN GOING WITHOUT SLEEP, WITHOUT REST FOR NEARLY TWO *DAYS* NOW--
--IT'S NO WONDER YOU NEEDED TIME FOR--
TIME? IDIOTS! WE DON'T *HAVE* ANY TIME! IF YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO KEEP *UP* WITH US, CLOAK, THEN BAIL OUT *NOW!*
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BAILING OUT, VENOM. BUT I MEANT WHAT I *SAID* BEFORE. IF WE'RE GOING TO STOP CARNAGE, SHRIEK, AND THE REST--
--WE'LL NEED *REINFORCEMENTS.*
AGREED!
WE'LL RECRUIT THE TOUGHEST, THE MOST *VICIOUS* BUNCH OF FIGHTERS WE CAN FIND--AND WE'LL *CRUSH* CARNAGE'S GANG LIKE THE COCKROACHES THEY *ARE!*
BUT, REMEMBER--
KASADY
IS
MINE!!

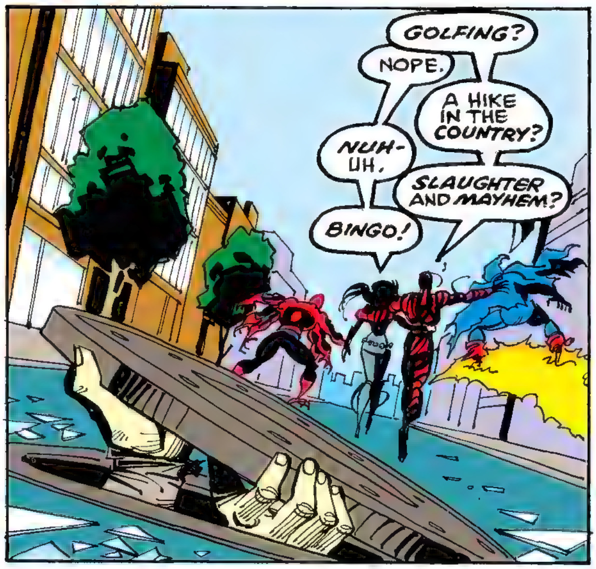

BUT, HONEY-- I'D HEARD THIS WAS A *WONDERFUL* RESTAURANT!
WONDERFUL? TOFU AND STEAMED VEGETABLES?! YOU CALL *THAT* "WONDERFUL"?!
UH..., SIR... IF YOU DON'T *LIKE* IT... I'LL... AH... G-GLADLY TAKE IT BACK TO THE KITCHEN--
DON'T BOTHER, PUNK. AS THE ROMANS OFTEN OBSERVED: IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE *FOOD*--

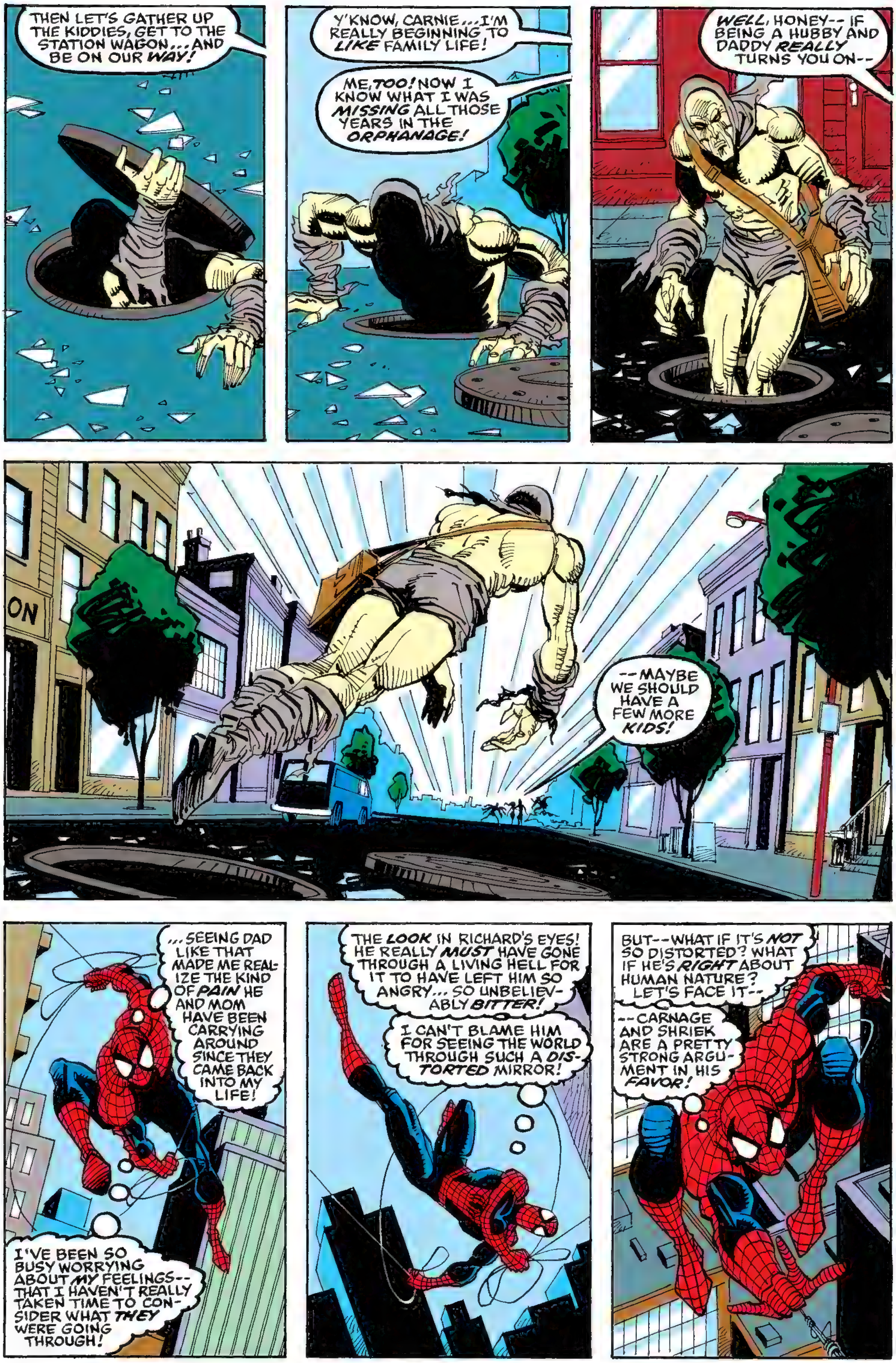

--*KILL THE WAITER!!*
KRASH!

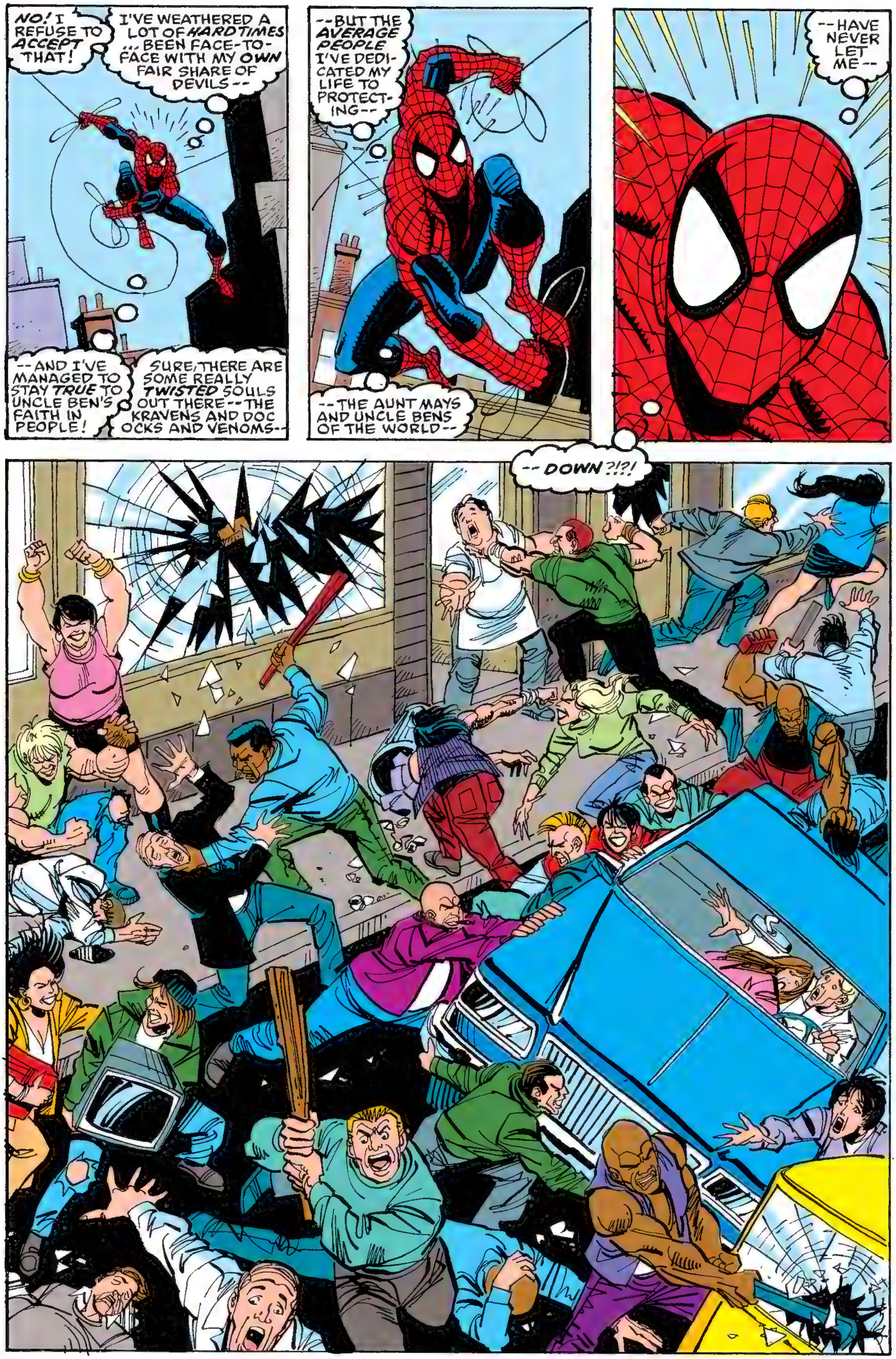

SORRY YOU WERE *DISAPPOINTED*, HONEY-- BUT LOTS OF THE BAND-GUYS I USED TO HANG AROUND WITH IN MY GROUPIE DAYS USED TO *EAT* HERE--
DON'T SWEAT IT, SWEETCAKES-- I HAD *FUN* SLICING AND DICING ALL THE CUSTOMERS!
BUT IF WE DON'T FIND ME SOMETHING TO EAT *SOON*... I'M GONNA GET ALL *HYPOGLYCEMIC*--

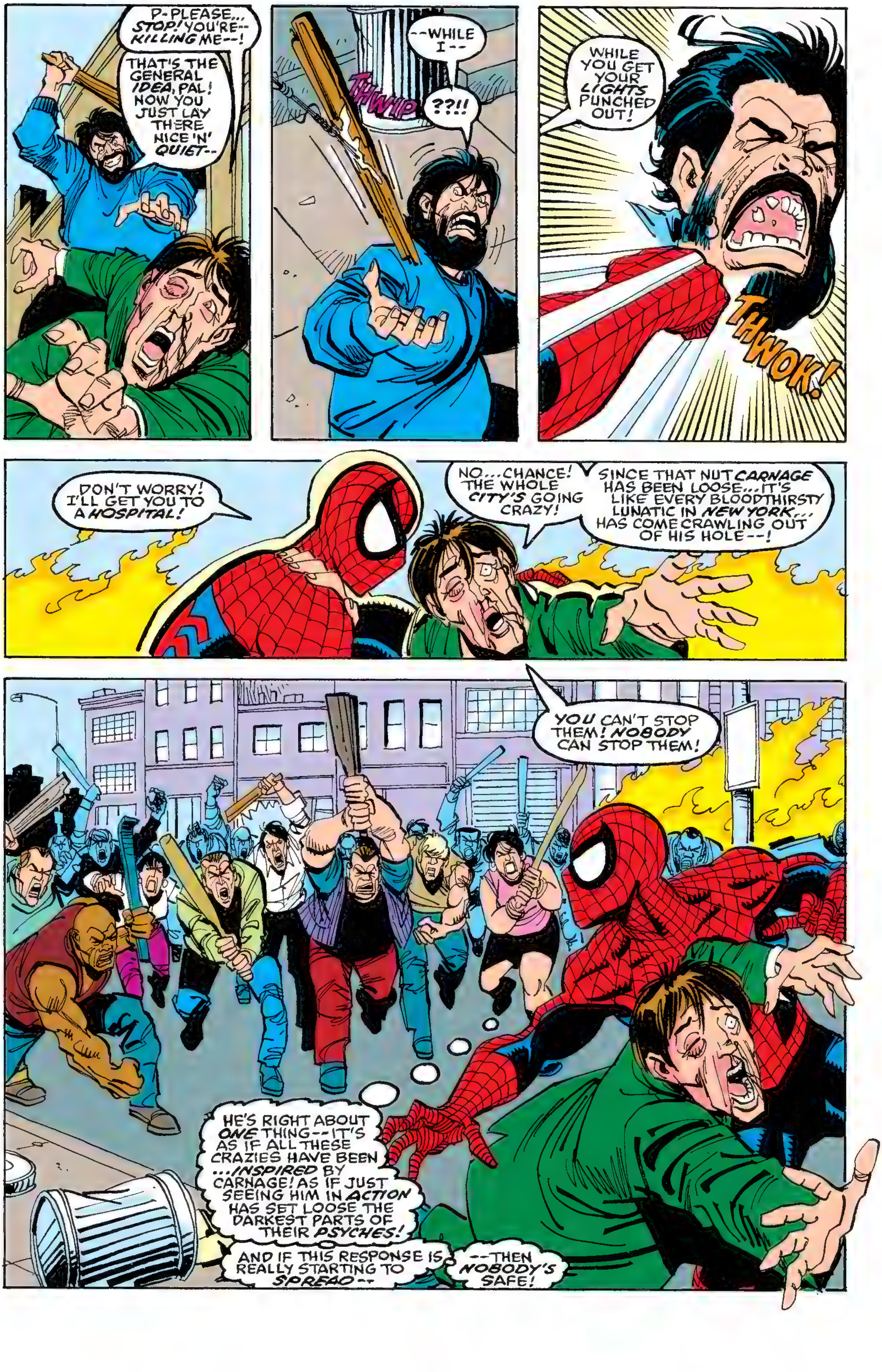

--AND WHEN *THAT* HAPPENS... WELL, I START TO GET *REAL* TESTY!
WHY ARE WE WASTING OUR *TIME* HERE? WORD OF OUR COMING HAS *SPREAD*... THE STREETS ARE *NEAR-DESERTED!* THE SINNERS ARE IN *HIDING!*
WE MUST ROOT THEM *OUT!* MAKE THEM *SUFFER!* MAKE THEM *BURN!*
FOR ONCE, VINCENT PRICE HERE IS *RIGHT!* WE'VE GOTTA FIND SOME GREENER *PASTURES!*
HUNGH!
YOU KEEP *OUTTA* THIS!

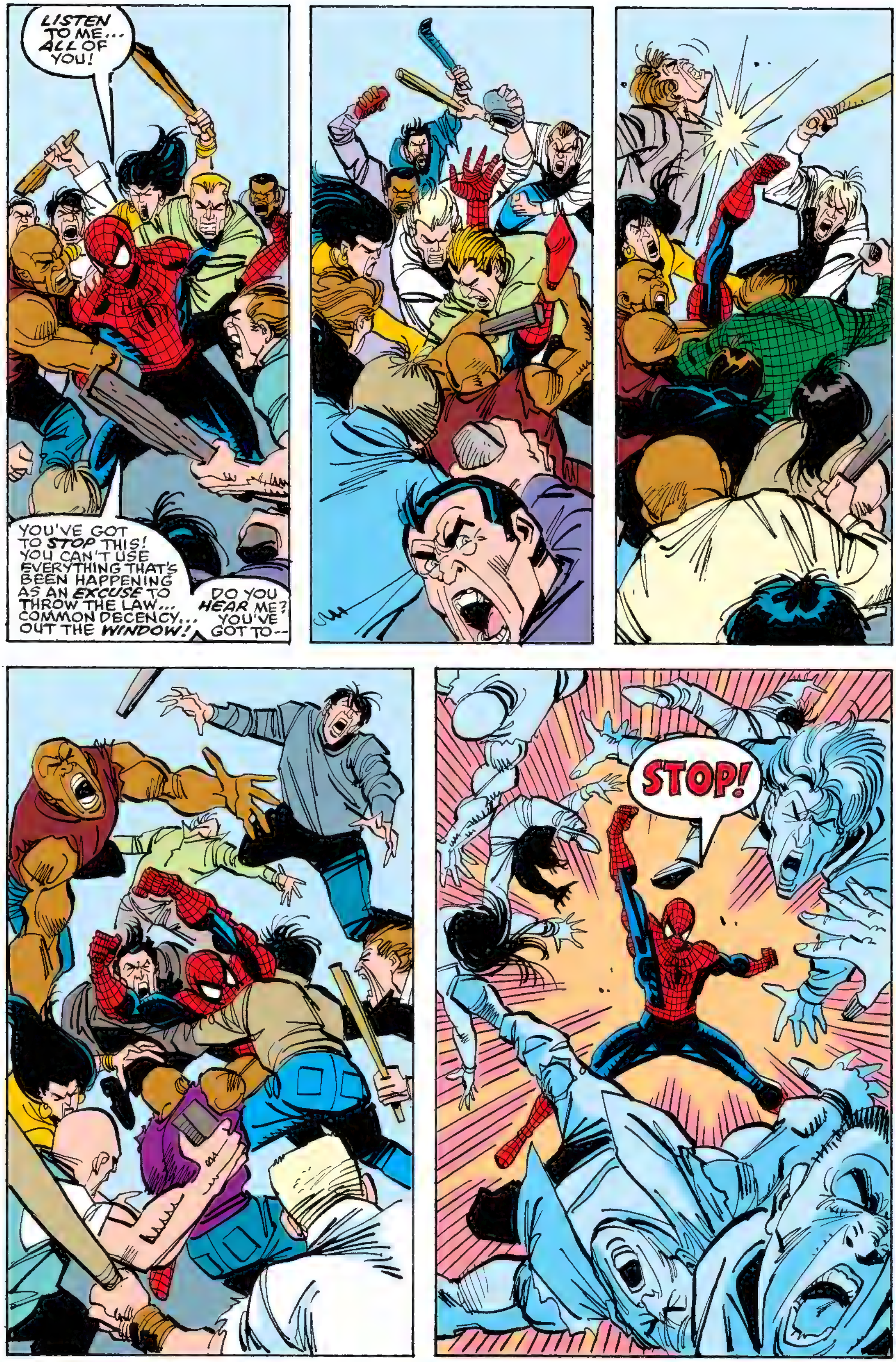

DON'T *YELL* AT THE BOY, DEAR.
SORRY, SNOOKUMS! IT'S JUST THAT SOMETIMES, BEING A FATHER IS SUCH A *THANKLESS* JOB!
THEN LET'S DO SOMETHING TO CHEER YOU *UP!*

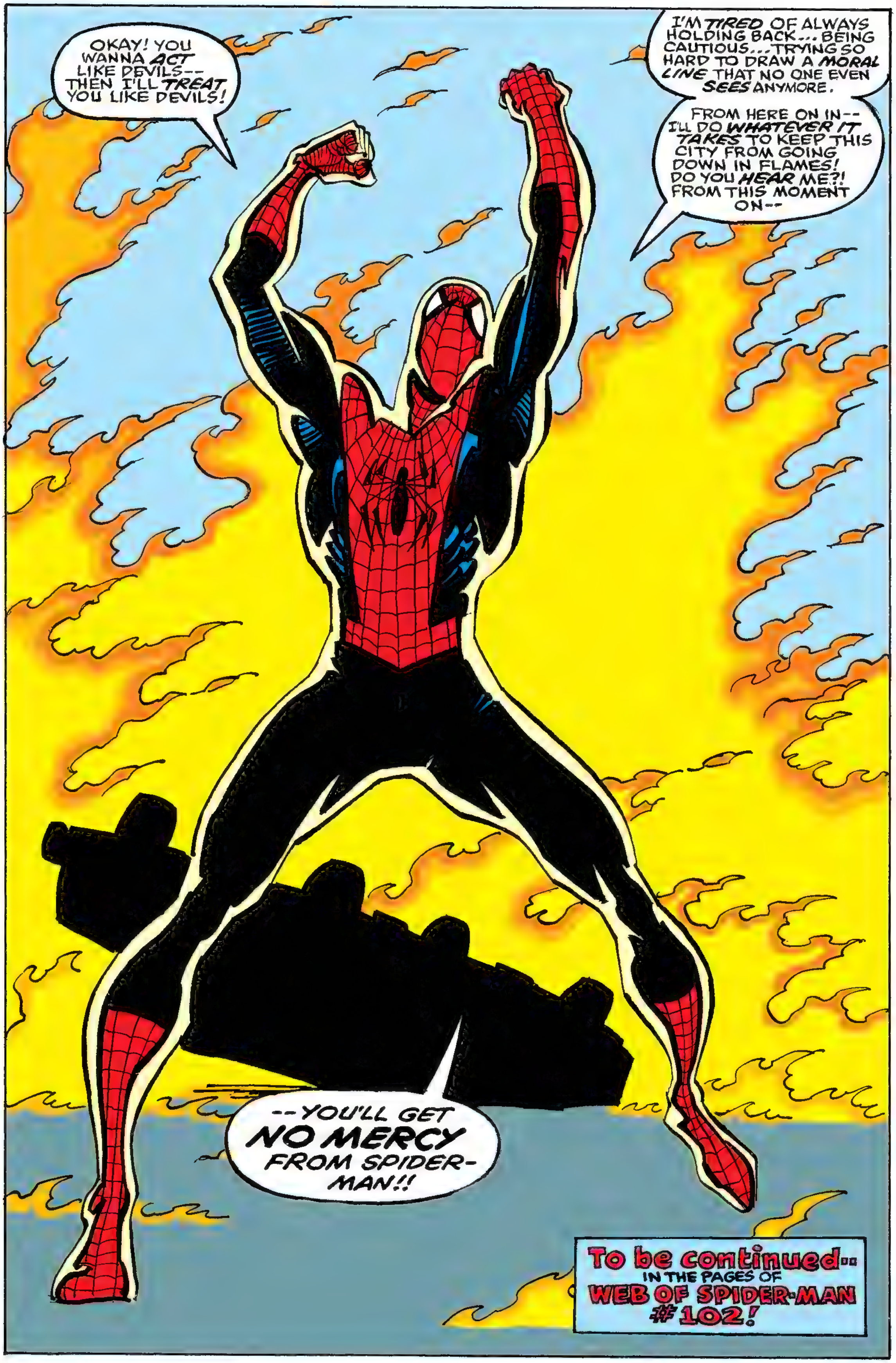

GOLFING?
NOPE.
A HIKE IN THE *COUNTRY?*
NUH-UH.
SLAUGHTER AND *MAYHEM?*
BINGO!


THEN LET'S GATHER UP THE KIDDIES, GET TO THE STATION WAGON... AND BE ON OUR *WAY!*
Y'KNOW, CARNIE... I'M REALLY BEGINNING TO *LIKE* FAMILY LIFE!
ME, *TOO!* NOW I KNOW WHAT I WAS *MISSING* ALL THOSE YEARS IN THE *ORPHANAGE!*
WELL, HONEY-- IF BEING A HUBBY AND DADDY *REALLY* TURNS YOU ON--
--MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE A FEW MORE *KIDS!*
ON
...SEEING DAD LIKE THAT MADE ME REALIZE THE KIND OF *PAIN* HE AND MOM HAVE BEEN CARRYING AROUND SINCE THEY CAME BACK INTO MY LIFE!
I'VE BEEN SO BUSY WORRYING ABOUT *MY* FEELINGS-- THAT I HAVEN'T REALLY TAKEN TIME TO CONSIDER WHAT *THEY* WERE GOING THROUGH!
THE *LOOK* IN RICHARD'S EYES! HE REALLY *MUST* HAVE GONE THROUGH A LIVING HELL FOR IT TO HAVE LEFT HIM SO ANGRY... SO UNBELIEVABLY *BITTER!*
I CAN'T BLAME HIM FOR SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH SUCH A *DISTORTED* MIRROR!
BUT--WHAT IF IT'S *NOT* SO DISTORTED? WHAT IF HE'S *RIGHT* ABOUT HUMAN NATURE? LET'S FACE IT--
--CARNAGE AND SHRIEK ARE A PRETTY STRONG ARGUMENT IN HIS *FAVOR!*


NO! I REFUSE TO *ACCEPT* THAT!
I'VE WEATHERED A LOT OF *HARD TIMES* ... BEEN FACE-TO-FACE WITH MY *OWN* FAIR SHARE OF DEVILS--
--AND I'VE MANAGED TO STAY *TRUE* TO UNCLE BEN'S FAITH IN PEOPLE!
SURE, THERE ARE SOME REALLY *TWISTED* SOULS OUT THERE--THE KRAVENS AND DOC OCKS AND VENOMS--
--BUT THE *AVERAGE PEOPLE* I'VE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO PROTECTING--
--THE AUNT MAYS AND UNCLE BENS OF THE WORLD--
--HAVE NEVER LET ME--
--*DOWN*?!?!


P-PLEASE... STOP! YOU'RE-- KILLING ME--!
THAT'S THE GENERAL IDEA, PAL! NOW YOU JUST LAY THERE NICE 'N' QUIET--
--WHILE I --
THWIP
??!!
WHILE YOU GET YOUR LIGHTS PUNCHED OUT!
THWOK!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL!
NO...CHANCE! THE WHOLE CITY'S GOING CRAZY!
SINCE THAT NUT CARNAGE HAS BEEN LOOSE...IT'S LIKE EVERY BLOODTHIRSTY LUNATIC IN NEW YORK... HAS COME CRAWLING OUT OF HIS HOLE--!
YOU CAN'T STOP THEM! NOBODY CAN STOP THEM!
HE'S RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING--IT'S AS IF ALL THESE CRAZIES HAVE BEEN ...INSPIRED BY CARNAGE! AS IF JUST SEEING HIM IN ACTION HAS SET LOOSE THE DARKEST PARTS OF THEIR PSYCHES!
AND IF THIS RESPONSE IS REALLY STARTING TO SPREAD--
--THEN NOBODY'S SAFE!


LISTEN TO ME... ALL OF YOU!
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THIS! YOU CAN'T USE EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AS AN EXCUSE TO THROW THE LAW... COMMON DECENCY... OUT THE WINDOW!
DO YOU HEAR ME? YOU'VE GOT TO--
STOP!


OKAY! YOU WANNA *ACT* LIKE DEVILS-- THEN I'LL *TREAT* YOU LIKE DEVILS!
I'M *TIRED* OF ALWAYS HOLDING BACK... BEING CAUTIOUS... TRYING SO HARD TO DRAW A *MORAL LINE* THAT NO ONE EVEN *SEES* ANYMORE.
FROM HERE ON IN-- I'LL DO *WHATEVER IT TAKES* TO KEEP THIS CITY FROM GOING DOWN IN FLAMES! DO YOU *HEAR* ME?! FROM THIS MOMENT ON--
--YOU'LL GET **NO MERCY** FROM SPIDER-MAN!!

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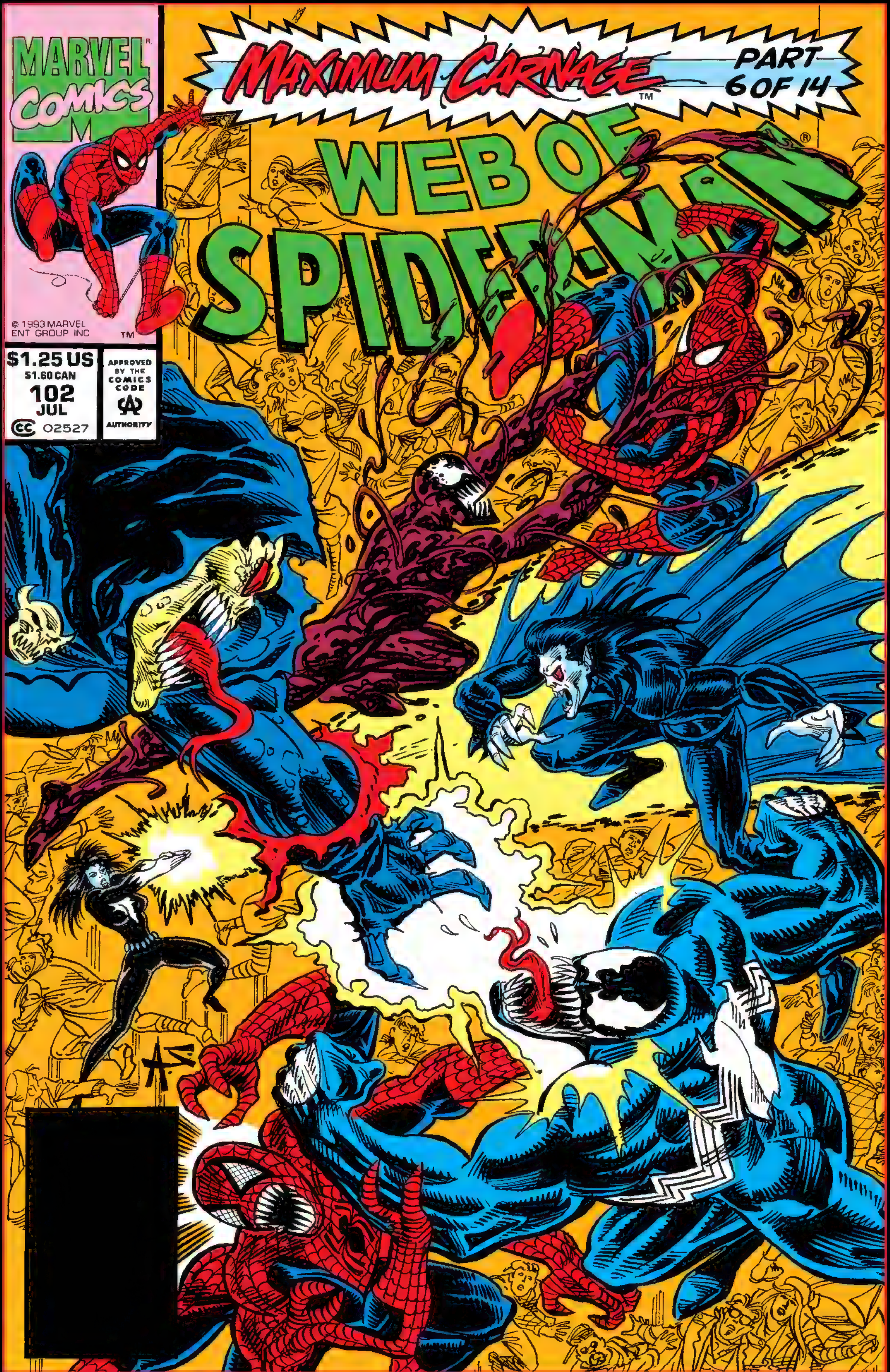
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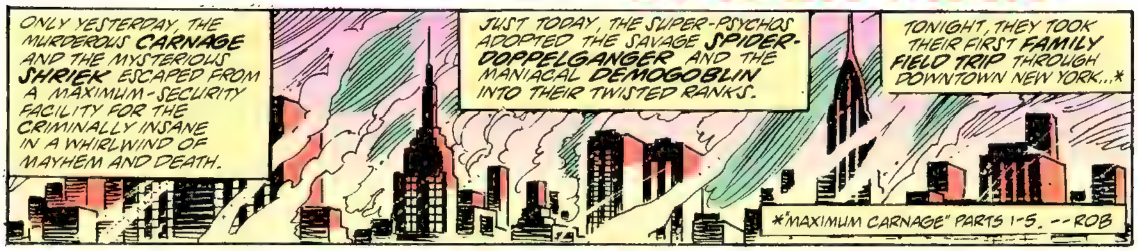
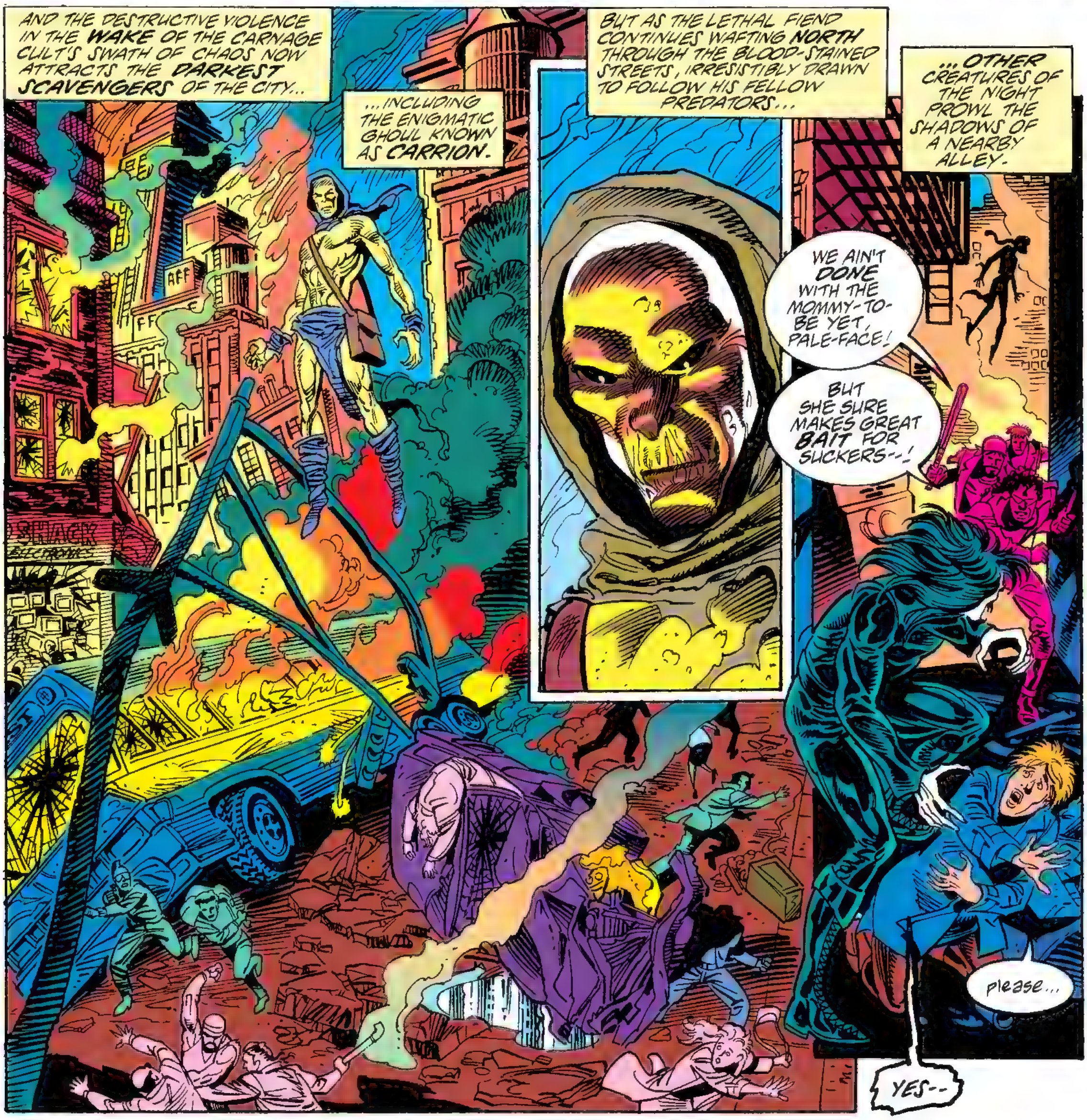
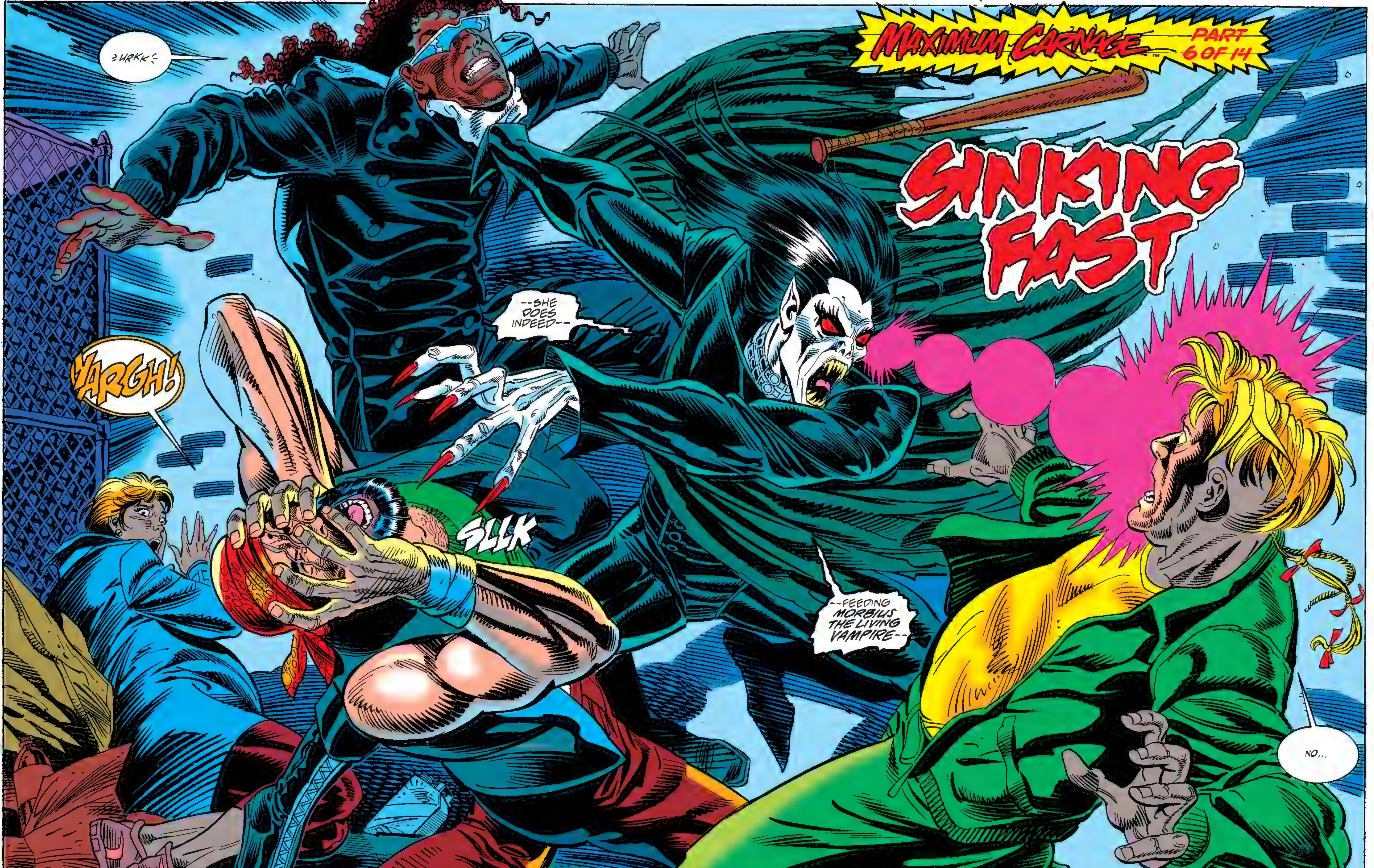

ONLY YESTERDAY, THE MURDEROUS **CARNAGE** AND THE MYSTERIOUS **SHRIEK** ESCAPED FROM A MAXIMUM-SECURITY FACILITY FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE IN A WHIRLWIND OF MAYHEM AND DEATH.
JUST TODAY, THE SUPER-PSYCHOS ADOPTED THE SAVAGE **SPIDER-DOPPELGANGER** AND THE MANIACAL **DEMOGOBLIN** INTO THEIR TWISTED RANKS.
TONIGHT, THEY TOOK THEIR FIRST **FAMILY FIELD TRIP** THROUGH DOWNTOWN NEW YORK...*
*"MAXIMUM CARNAGE" PARTS 1-5. --ROB


AND THE DESTRUCTIVE VIOLENCE IN THE **WAKE** OF THE CARNAGE CULT'S SWATH OF CHAOS NOW ATTRACTS THE **DARKEST SCAVENGERS** OF THE CITY...
...INCLUDING THE ENIGMATIC GHOUL KNOWN AS **CARRION**.
BUT AS THE LETHAL FIEND CONTINUES WAFTING **NORTH** THROUGH THE BLOOD-STAINED STREETS, IRRESISTIBLY DRAWN TO FOLLOW HIS FELLOW PREDATORS...
...**OTHER** CREATURES OF THE NIGHT PROWL THE SHADOWS OF A NEARBY ALLEY.
WE AIN'T **DONE** WITH THE MOMMY-TO-BE YET, PALE-FACE!
BUT SHE SURE MAKES GREAT **BAIT** FOR SUCKERS--!
please...
YES--
SHACK
ELECTRONICS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SINKING FAST
YARGH!
--SHE DOES INDEED--
SLLK
--FEEDING MORBIUS THE LIVING VAMPIRE--
NO...
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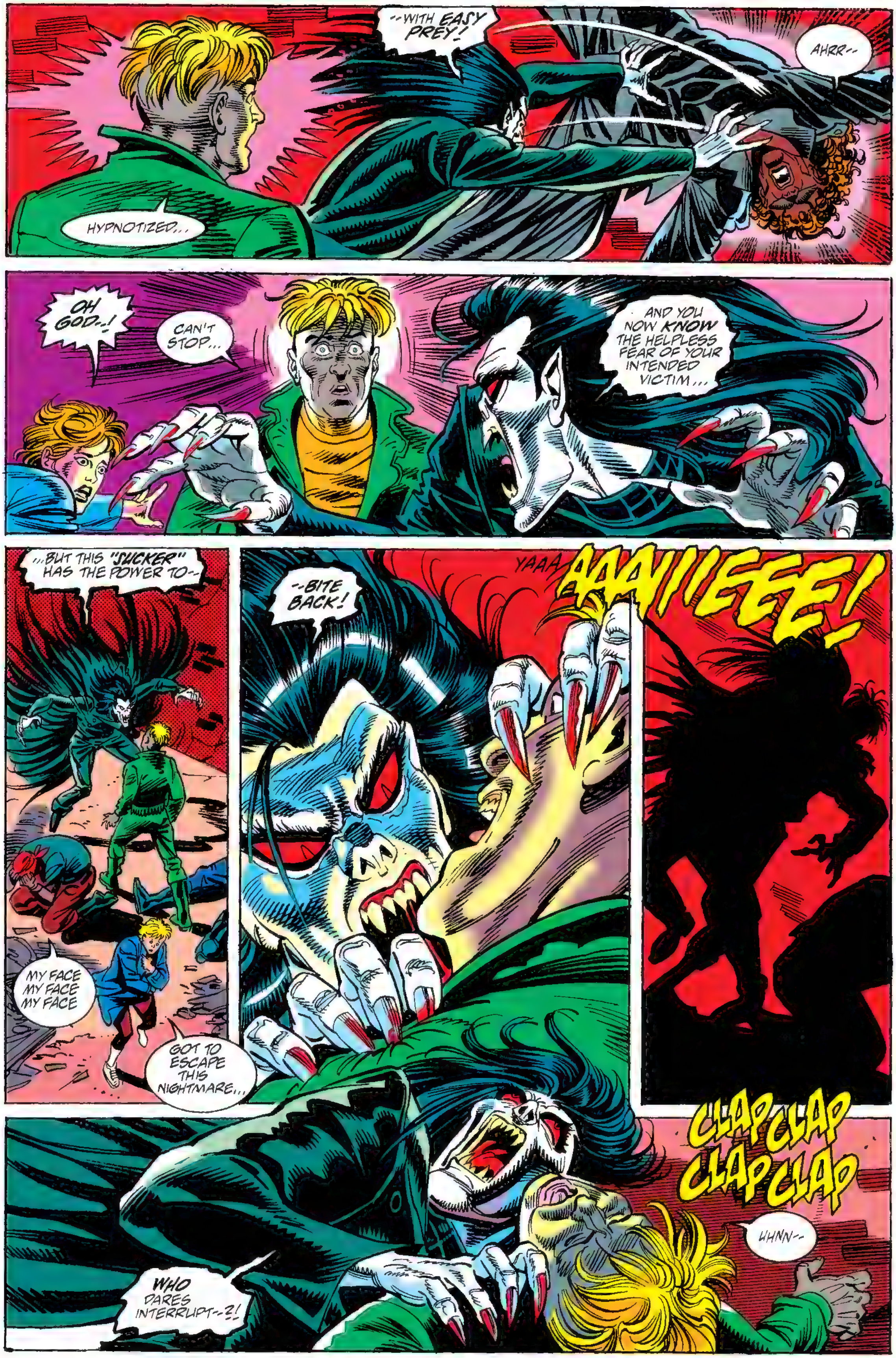
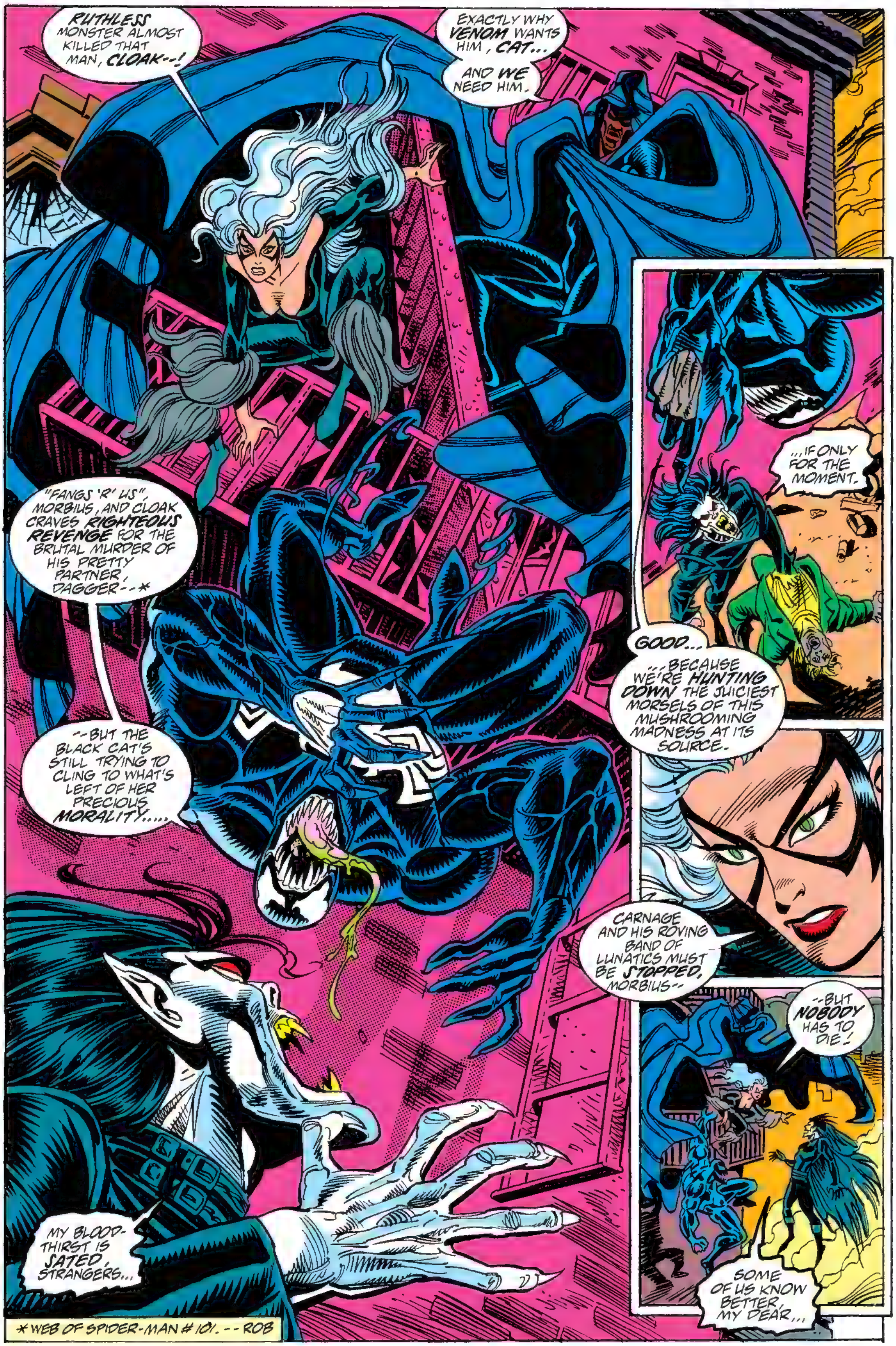
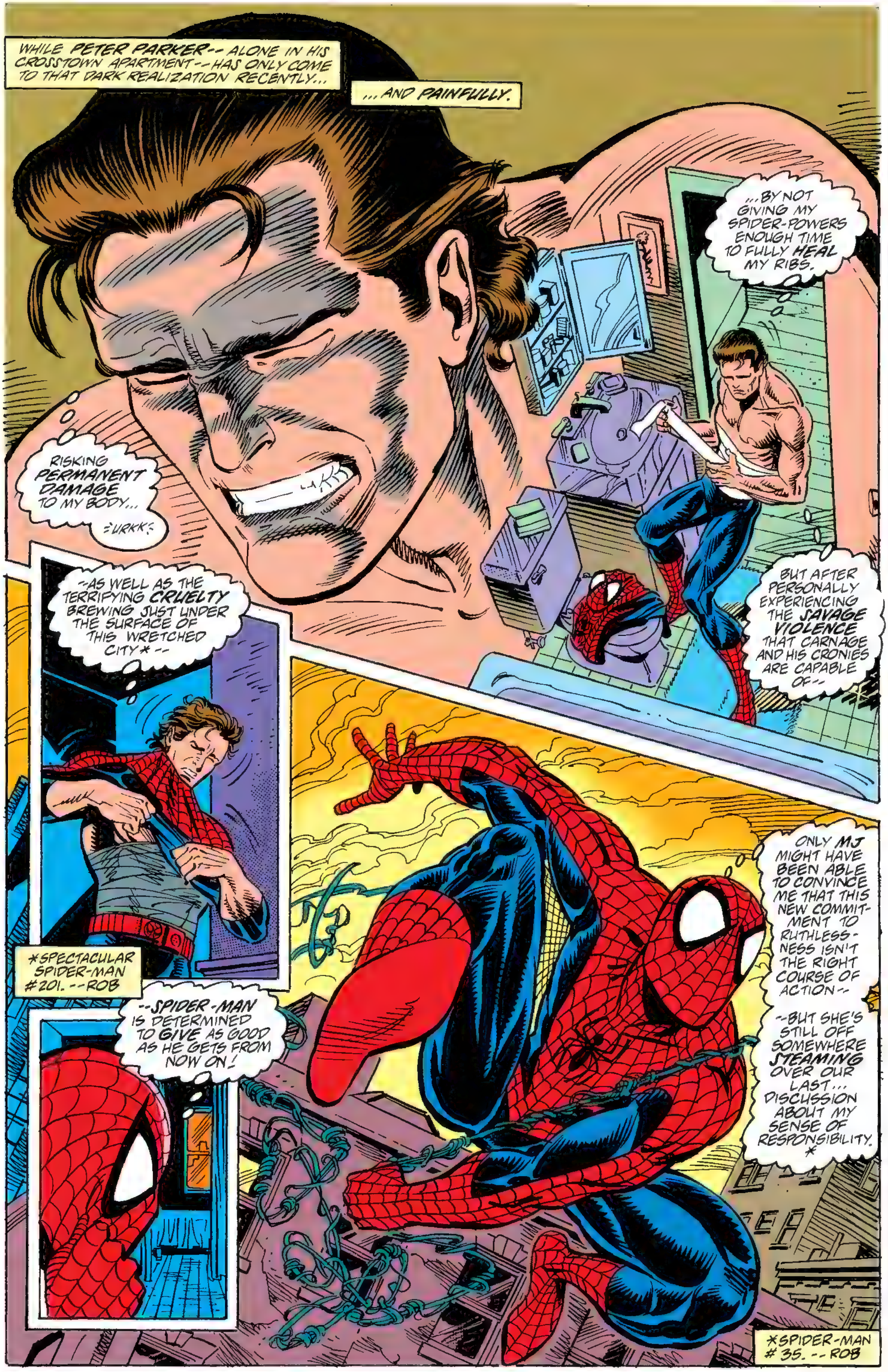
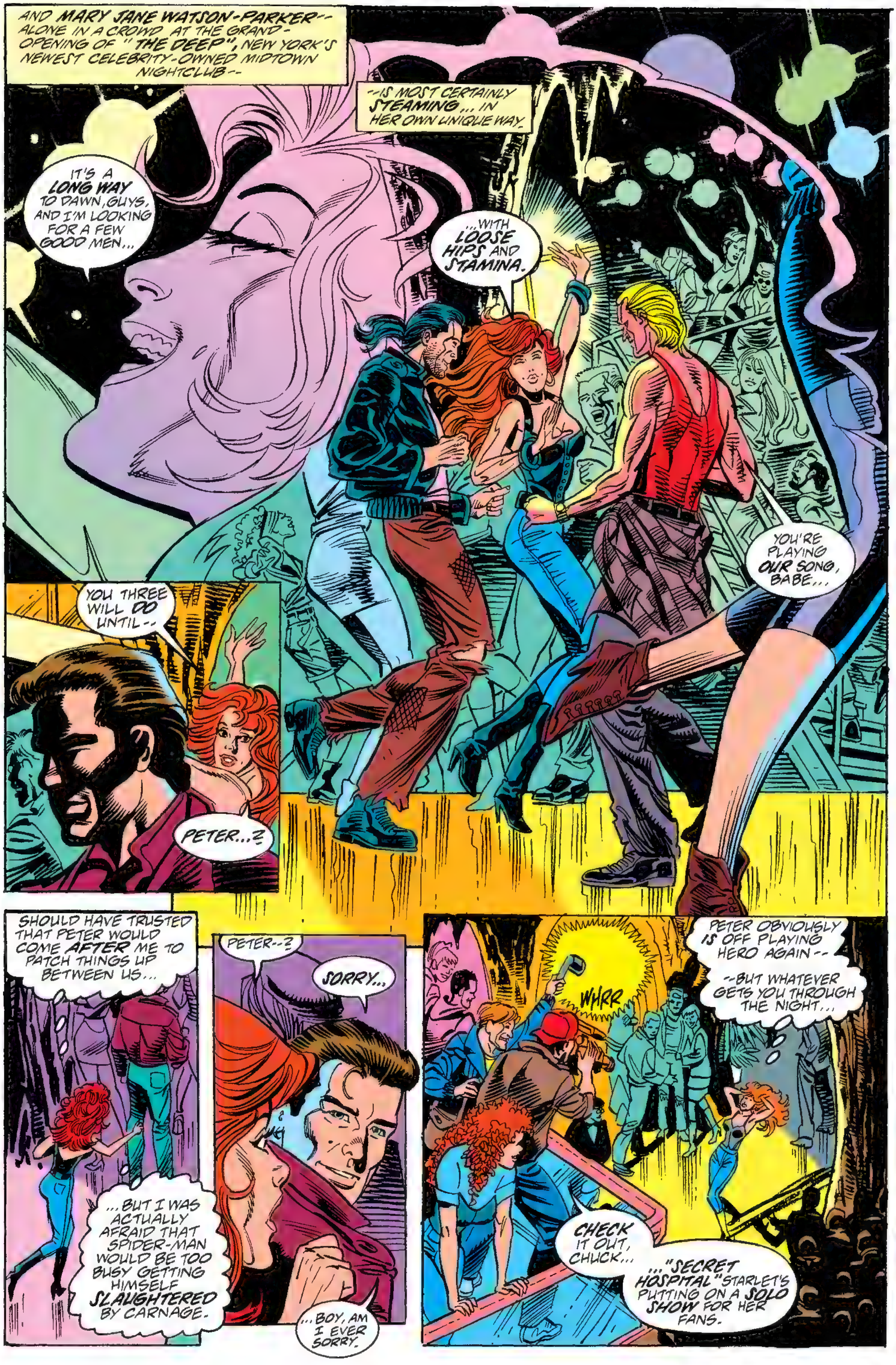
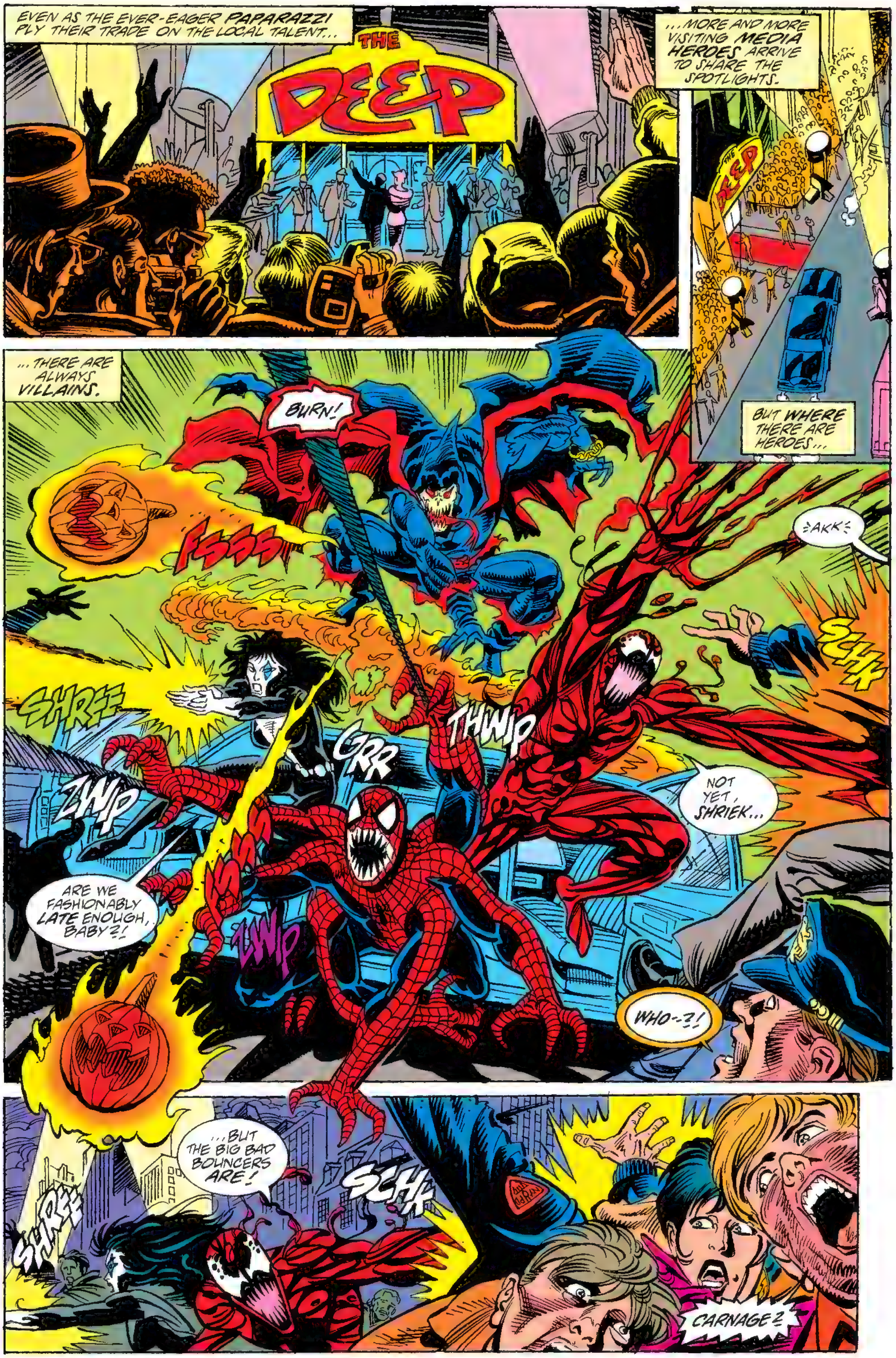
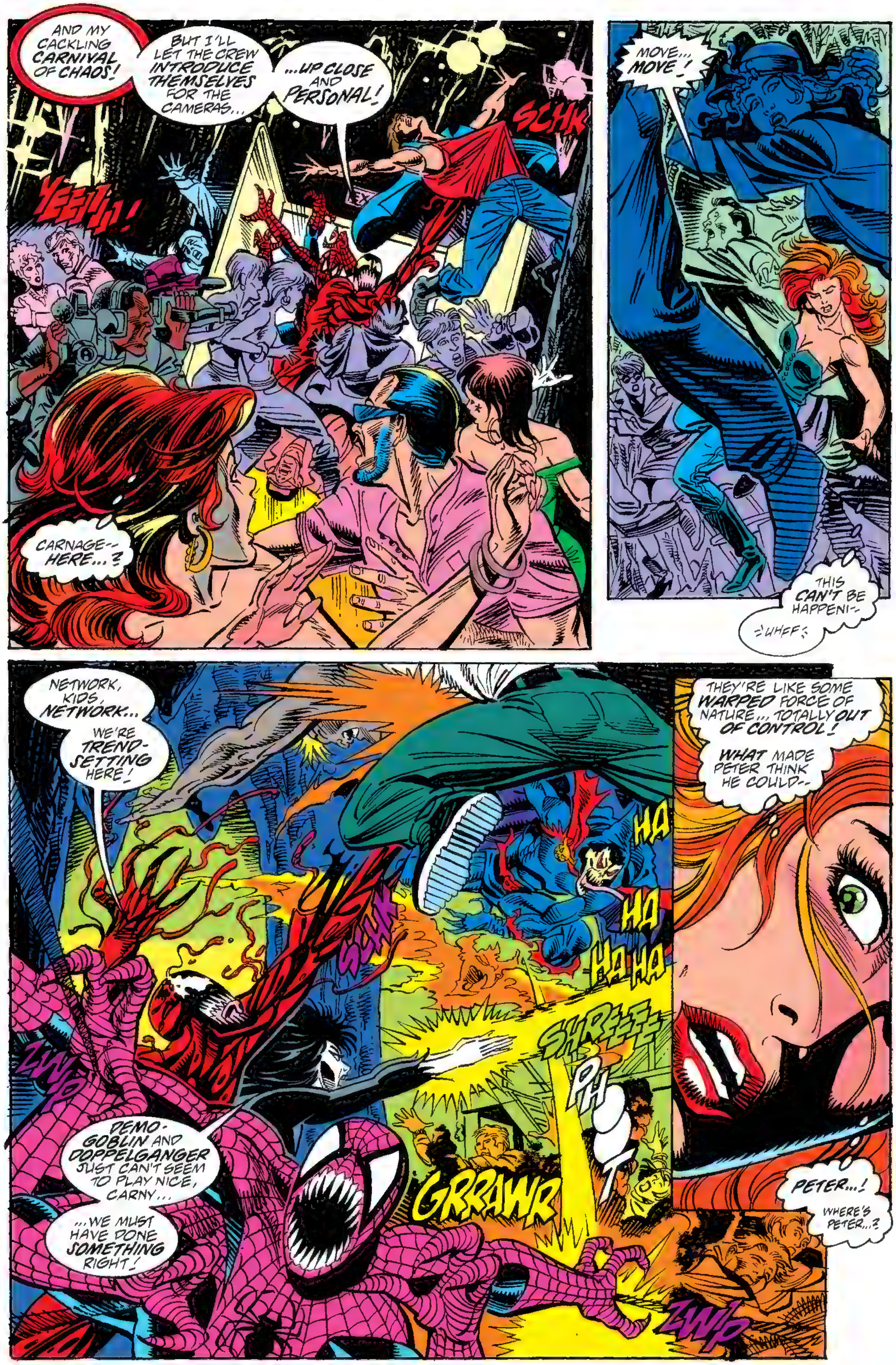

--WITH EASY PREY!
HYPNOTIZED...
AHRR--
OH GOD..!
CAN'T STOP...
AND YOU NOW KNOW THE HELPLESS FEAR OF YOUR INTENDED VICTIM...
...BUT THIS "SUCKER" HAS THE POWER TO--
MY FACE MY FACE MY FACE
GOT TO ESCAPE THIS NIGHTMARE...
--BITE BACK!
YAAAAAAIIEEE!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
UHNN--
WHO DARES INTERRUPT--?!

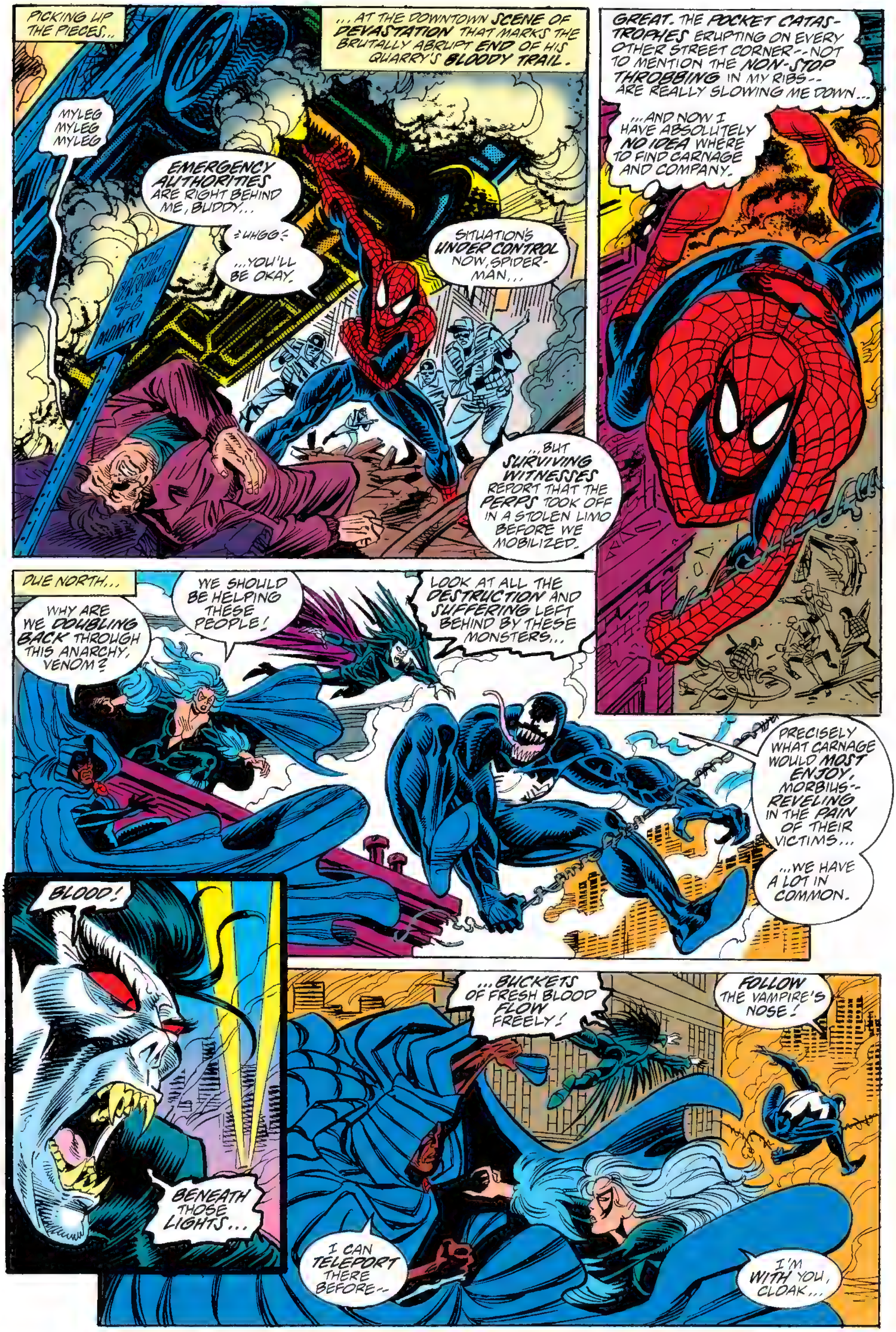

RUTHLESS MONSTER ALMOST KILLED THAT MAN, CLOAK--!
EXACTLY WHY VENOM WANTS HIM, CAT...
AND WE NEED HIM.
"FANGS 'R' US", MORBIUS, AND CLOAK CRAVES RIGHTEOUS REVENGE FOR THE BRUTAL MURDER OF HIS PRETTY PARTNER, DAGGER--*
--BUT THE BLACK CAT'S STILL TRYING TO CLING TO WHAT'S LEFT OF HER PRECIOUS MORALITY.....
MY BLOOD-THIRST IS SATED, STRANGERS...
...IF ONLY FOR THE MOMENT.
GOOD...
...BECAUSE WE'RE HUNTING DOWN THE JUICIEST MORSELS OF THIS MUSHROOMING MADNESS AT ITS SOURCE.
CARNAGE AND HIS ROVING BAND OF LUNATICS MUST BE STOPPED, MORBIUS--
--BUT NOBODY HAS TO DIE!
SOME OF US KNOW BETTER, MY DEAR...
*WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #101. --ROB

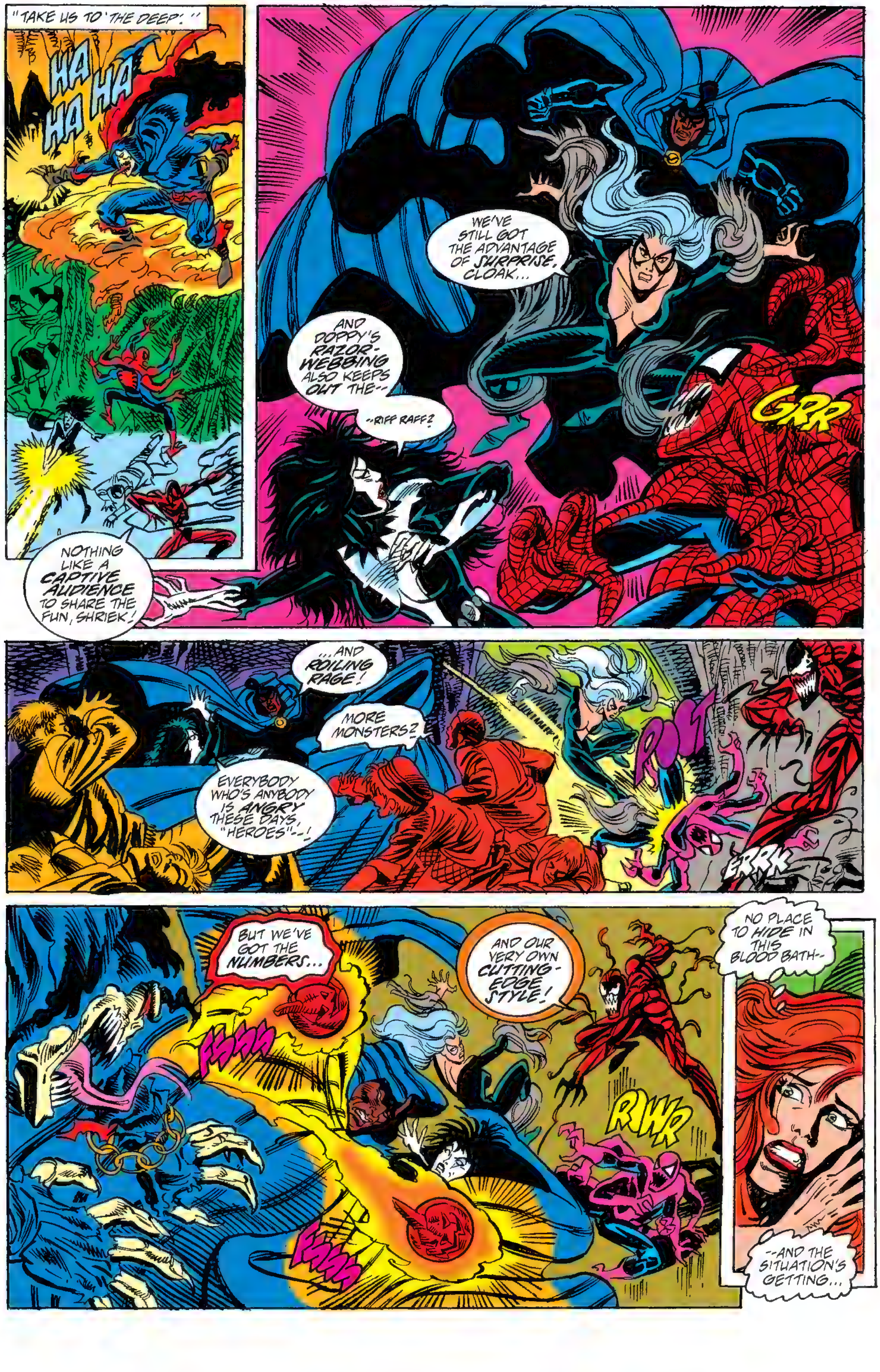

WHILE PETER PARKER-- ALONE IN HIS CROSSTOWN APARTMENT--HAS ONLY COME TO THAT DARK REALIZATION RECENTLY...
...AND PAINFULLY.
RISKING PERMANENT DAMAGE TO MY BODY...
=URKK=
...BY NOT GIVING MY SPIDER-POWERS ENOUGH TIME TO FULLY HEAL MY RIBS.
BUT AFTER PERSONALLY EXPERIENCING THE SAVAGE VIOLENCE THAT CARNAGE AND HIS CRONIES ARE CAPABLE OF--
--AS WELL AS THE TERRIFYING CRUELTY BREWING JUST UNDER THE SURFACE OF THIS WRETCHED CITY*--
*SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #201. --ROB
--SPIDER-MAN IS DETERMINED TO GIVE AS GOOD AS HE GETS FROM NOW ON!
ONLY MJ MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONVINCE ME THAT THIS NEW COMMITMENT TO RUTHLESSNESS ISN'T THE RIGHT COURSE OF ACTION--
--BUT SHE'S STILL OFF SOMEWHERE STEAMING OVER OUR LAST... DISCUSSION ABOUT MY SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.*
*SPIDER-MAN #35. --ROB

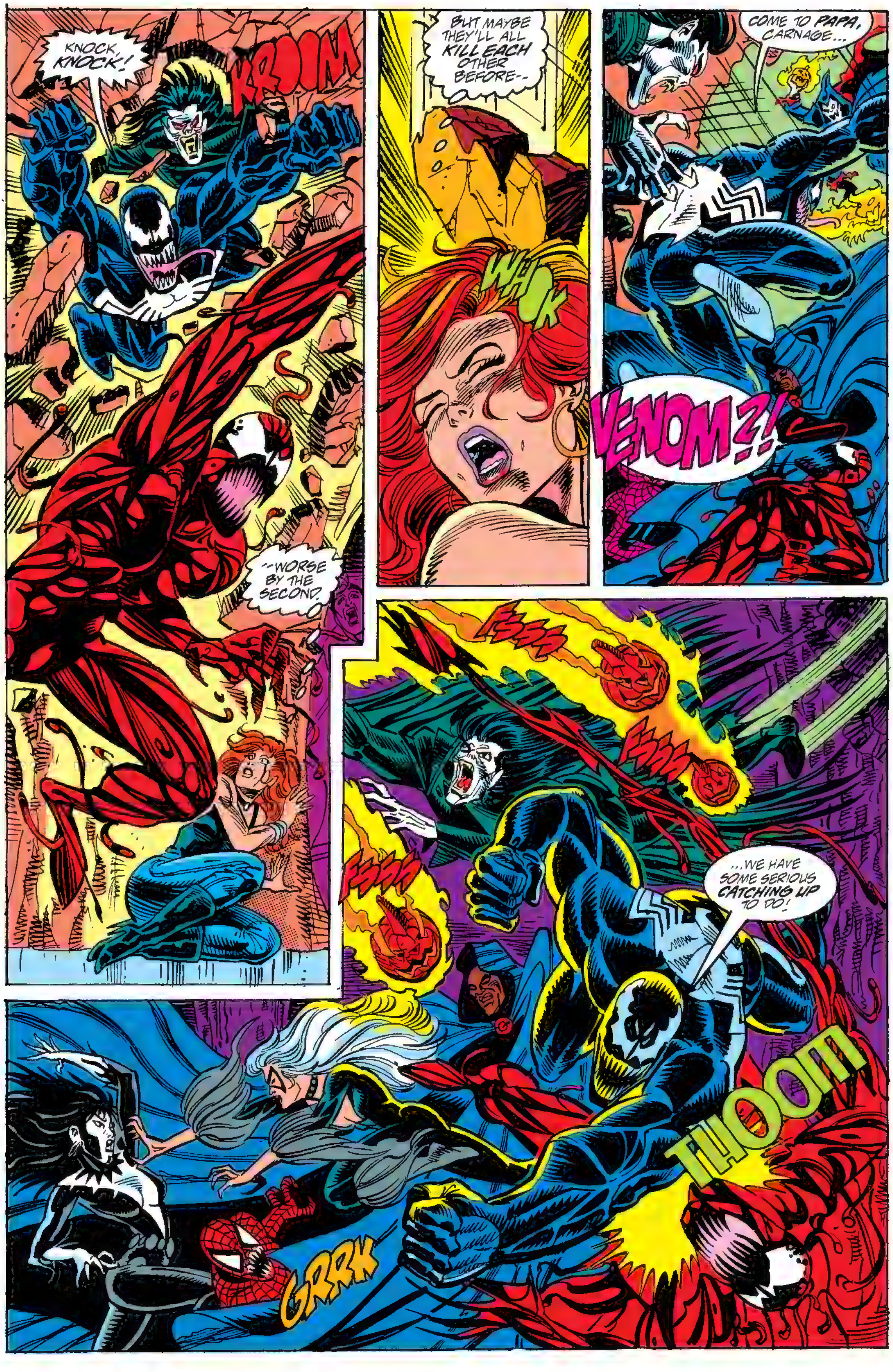

AND MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER-- ALONE IN A CROWD AT THE GRAND-OPENING OF "THE DEEP", NEW YORK'S NEWEST CELEBRITY-OWNED MIDTOWN NIGHTCLUB--
--IS MOST CERTAINLY STEAMING... IN HER OWN UNIQUE WAY.
IT'S A LONG WAY TO DAWN, GUYS, AND I'M LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN...
...WITH LOOSE HIPS AND STAMINA.
YOU'RE PLAYING OUR SONG, BABE...
YOU THREE WILL DO UNTIL--
PETER...?
SHOULD HAVE TRUSTED THAT PETER WOULD COME AFTER ME TO PATCH THINGS UP BETWEEN US...
...BUT I WAS ACTUALLY AFRAID THAT SPIDER-MAN WOULD BE TOO BUSY GETTING HIMSELF SLAUGHTERED BY CARNAGE.
PETER--?
SORRY...
...BOY, AM I EVER SORRY.
PETER OBVIOUSLY IS OFF PLAYING HERO AGAIN--
--BUT WHATEVER GETS YOU THROUGH THE NIGHT...
WHRR
CHECK IT OUT, CHUCK...
..."SECRET HOSPITAL" STARLET'S PUTTING ON A SOLO SHOW FOR HER FANS.

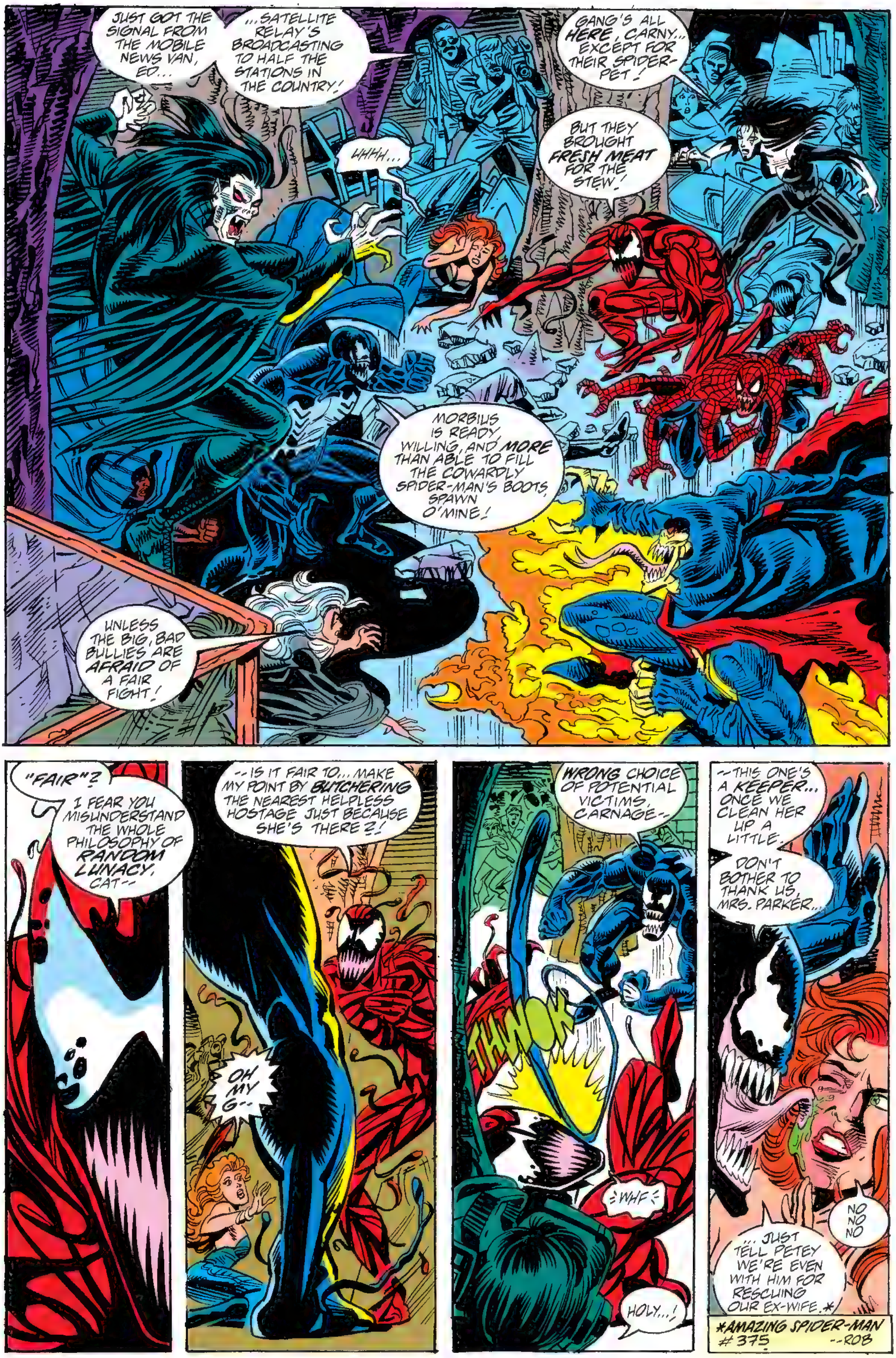

EVEN AS THE EVER-EAGER PAPARAZZI PLY THEIR TRADE ON THE LOCAL TALENT...
THE DEEP
...MORE AND MORE VISITING MEDIA HEROES ARRIVE TO SHARE THE SPOTLIGHTS.
THE DEEP
BUT WHERE THERE ARE HEROES...
...THERE ARE ALWAYS VILLAINS.
BURN!
FSSSS
AKK
SCHK
SHREE
GRR
THWIP
ZWIP
NOT YET, SHRIEK...
ARE WE FASHIONABLY LATE ENOUGH, BABY?!
ZWIP
WHO--?!
...BUT THE BIG BAD BOUNCERS ARE!
SCHK
SHREE
CARNAGE?

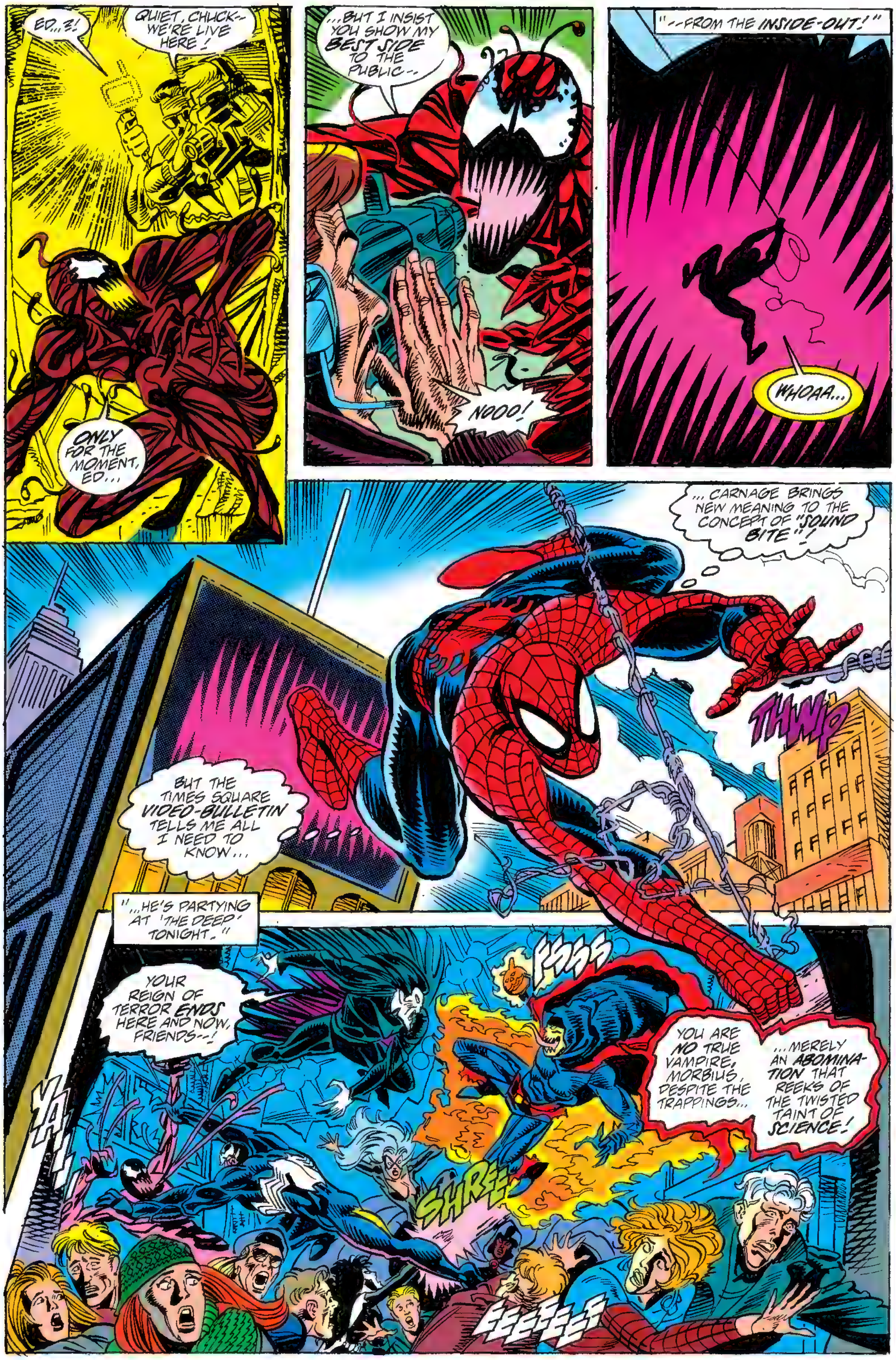

AND MY CACKLING CARNIVAL OF CHAOS!
BUT I'LL LET THE CREW INTRODUCE THEMSELVES FOR THE CAMERAS...
...UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!
SCHK
YEEAHH!
CARNAGE-- HERE...?
MOVE... MOVE!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENI--
UHFF
NETWORK, KIDS, NETWORK...
WE'RE TREND-SETTING HERE!
THEY'RE LIKE SOME WARPED FORCE OF NATURE... TOTALLY OUT OF CONTROL!
WHAT MADE PETER THINK HE COULD--
HA HA HAHA
SLUK
SHREEEE
ZWIP
PHT
DEMO-GOBLIN AND DOPPELGANGER JUST CAN'T SEEM TO PLAY NICE, CARNY...
...WE MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING RIGHT!
GRRAWR
PETER...!
WHERE'S PETER...?
ZWIP

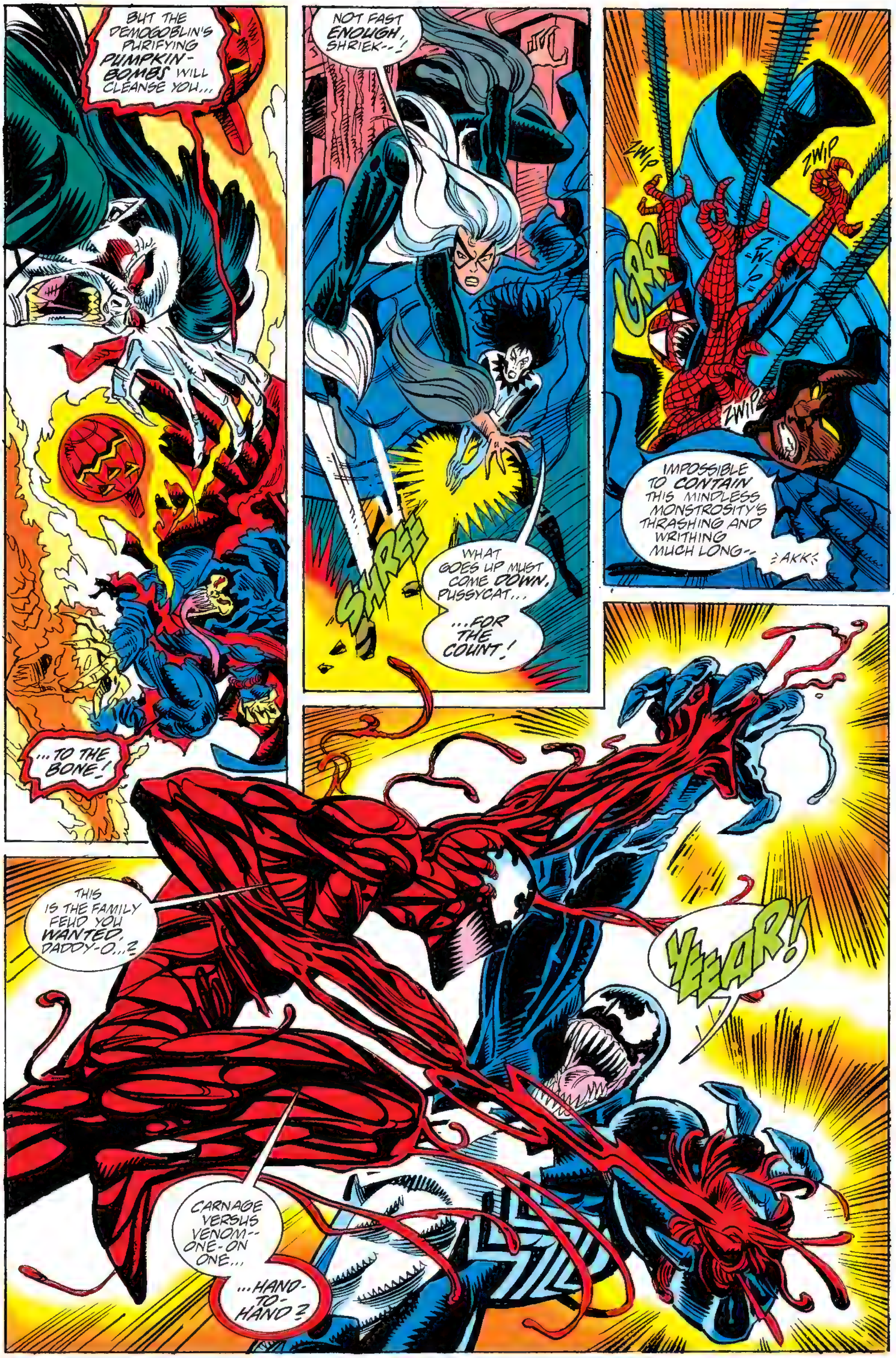

PICKING UP THE PIECES...
...AT THE DOWNTOWN SCENE OF DEVASTATION THAT MARKS THE BRUTALLY ABRUPT END OF HIS QUARRY'S BLOODY TRAIL.
MYLEG MYLEG MYLEG
EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES ARE RIGHT BEHIND ME, BUDDY...
UHGG
...YOU'LL BE OKAY.
SITUATION'S UNDER CONTROL NOW, SPIDER-MAN...
...BUT SURVIVING WITNESSES REPORT THAT THE PERPS TOOK OFF IN A STOLEN LIMO BEFORE WE MOBILIZED.
GREAT. THE POCKET CATASTROPHES ERUPTING ON EVERY OTHER STREET CORNER--NOT TO MENTION THE NON-STOP THROBBING IN MY RIBS--ARE REALLY SLOWING ME DOWN...
...AND NOW I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHERE TO FIND CARNAGE AND COMPANY.
DUE NORTH...
WHY ARE WE DOUBLING BACK THROUGH THIS ANARCHY, VENOM?
WE SHOULD BE HELPING THESE PEOPLE!
LOOK AT ALL THE DESTRUCTION AND SUFFERING LEFT BEHIND BY THESE MONSTERS...
PRECISELY WHAT CARNAGE WOULD MOST ENJOY, MORBIUS--REVELING IN THE PAIN OF THEIR VICTIMS...
...WE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON.
BLOOD!
BENEATH THOSE LIGHTS...
...BUCKETS OF FRESH BLOOD FLOW FREELY!
FOLLOW THE VAMPIRE'S NOSE!
I CAN TELEPORT THERE BEFORE--
I'M WITH YOU, CLOAK...

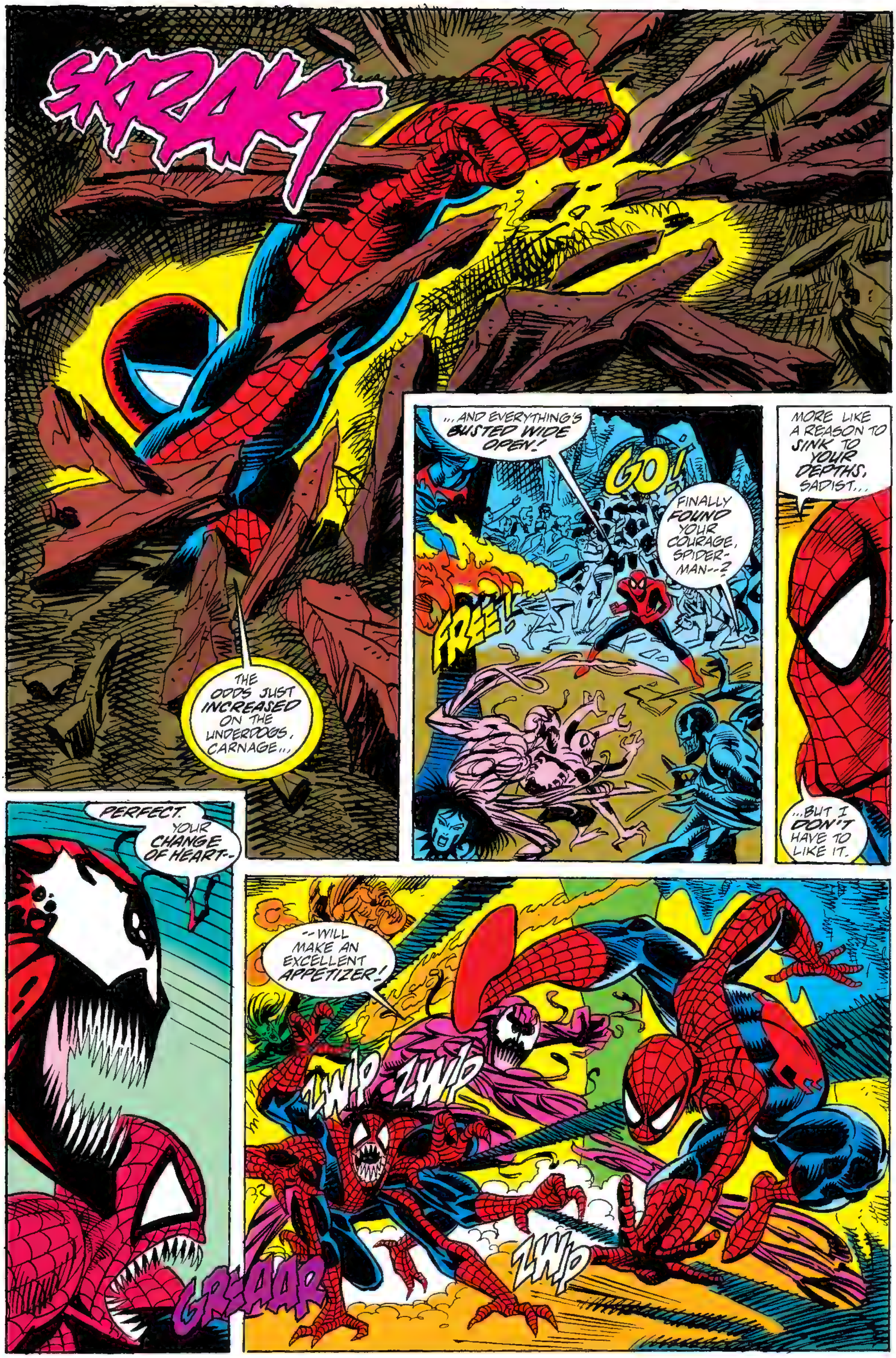

"TAKE US TO 'THE DEEP'!"
HA HA HA HA
NOTHING LIKE A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE TO SHARE THE FUN, SHRIEK!
WE'VE STILL GOT THE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE, CLOAK...
AND DOPPY'S RAZOR-WEBBING ALSO KEEPS OUT THE--
--RIFF RAFF?
GRR
...AND ROILING RAGE!
MORE MONSTERS?
EVERYBODY WHO'S ANYBODY IS ANGRY THESE DAYS, "HEROES"--!
POW
ERRK
BUT WE'VE GOT THE NUMBERS...
FSSSS
AND OUR VERY OWN CUTTING-EDGE STYLE!
RWR
FSSSS
NO PLACE TO HIDE IN THIS BLOOD BATH-
--AND THE SITUATION'S GETTING...

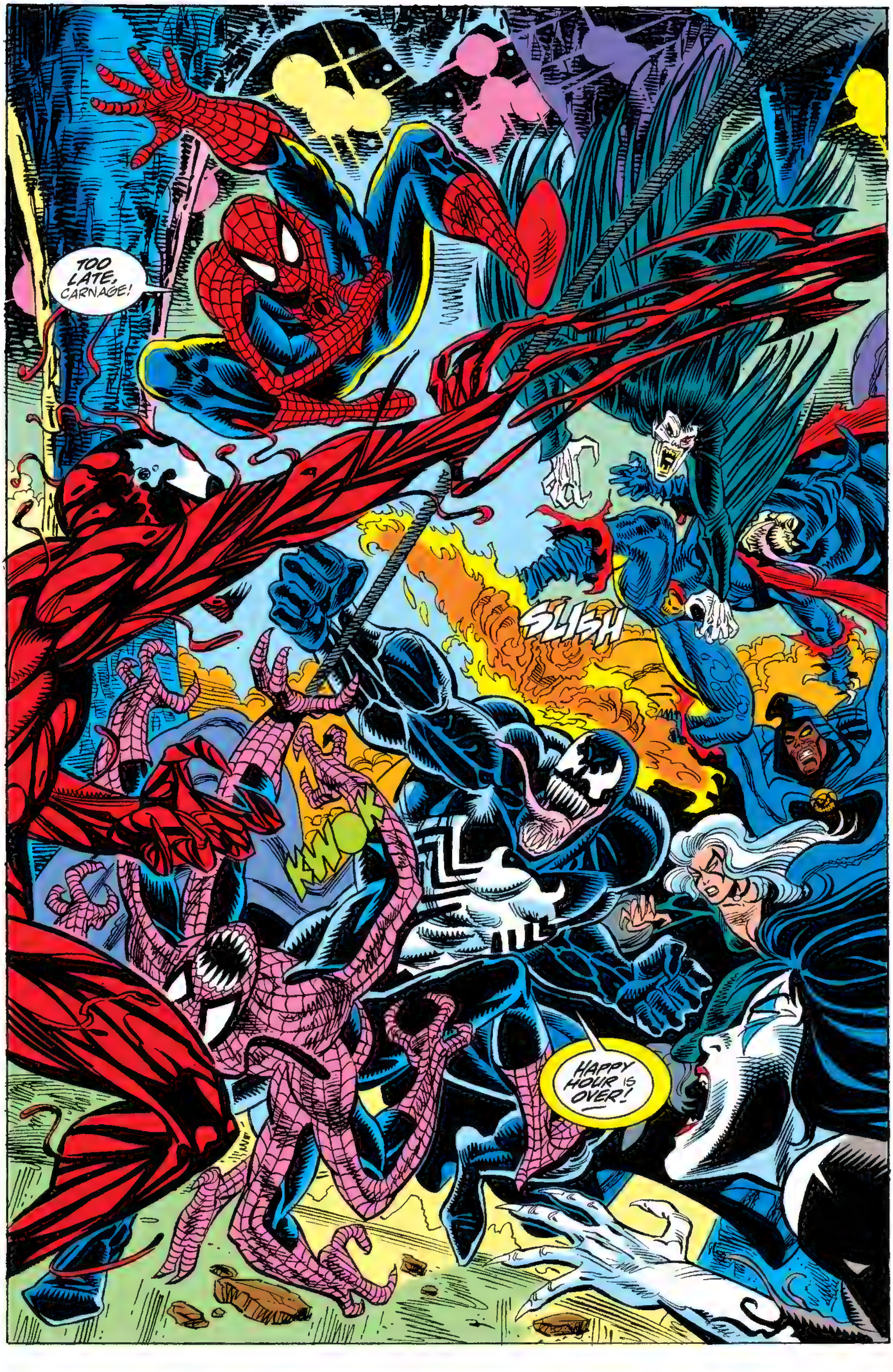

KNOCK, KNOCK!
KROOM
--WORSE BY THE SECOND.
BUT MAYBE THEY'LL ALL KILL EACH OTHER BEFORE--
WHOK
COME TO PAPA, CARNAGE...
VENOM?!
...WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS CATCHING UP TO DO!
THOOM
GRRK

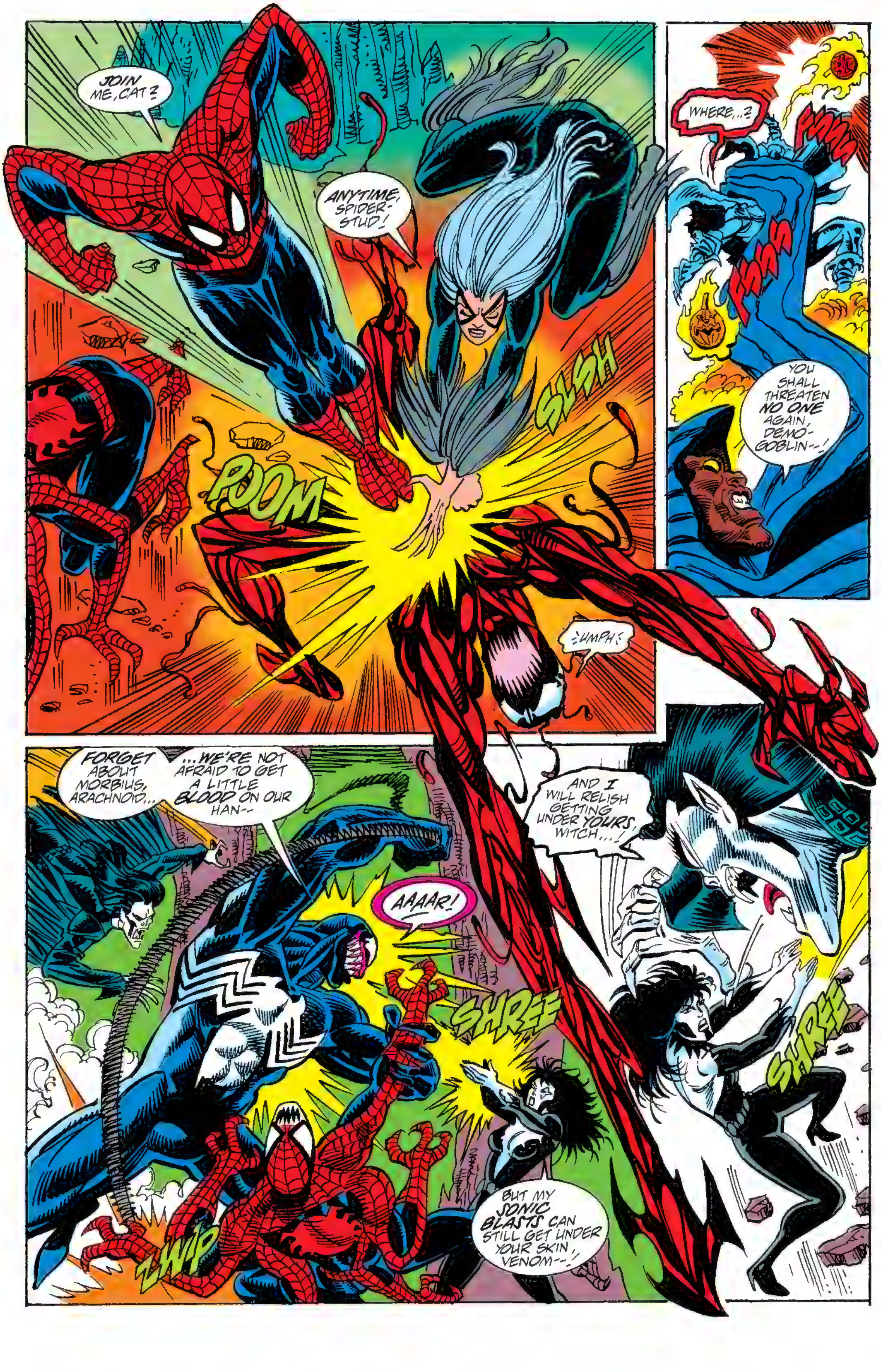

JUST GOT THE SIGNAL FROM THE MOBILE NEWS VAN, ED...
...SATELLITE RELAY'S BROADCASTING TO HALF THE STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY!
UHHH...
GANG'S ALL HERE, CARNY... EXCEPT FOR THEIR SPIDER-PET!
BUT THEY BROUGHT FRESH MEAT FOR THE STEW!
MORBIUS IS READY, WILLING, AND MORE THAN ABLE TO FILL THE COWARDLY SPIDER-MAN'S BOOTS, SPAWN O'MINE!
UNLESS THE BIG, BAD BULLIES ARE AFRAID OF A FAIR FIGHT!
"FAIR"? I FEAR YOU MISUNDERSTAND THE WHOLE PHILOSOPHY OF RANDOM LUNACY, CAT--
--IS IT FAIR TO... MAKE MY POINT BY BUTCHERING THE NEAREST HELPLESS HOSTAGE JUST BECAUSE SHE'S THERE?!
OH MY G--
WRONG CHOICE OF POTENTIAL VICTIMS, CARNAGE--
THWOK
WHF
HOLY...!
--THIS ONE'S A KEEPER... ONCE WE CLEAN HER UP A LITTLE.
DON'T BOTHER TO THANK US, MRS. PARKER...
NO NO NO
...JUST TELL PETEY WE'RE EVEN WITH HIM FOR RESCUING OUR EX-WIFE.*
*AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #375 --ROB

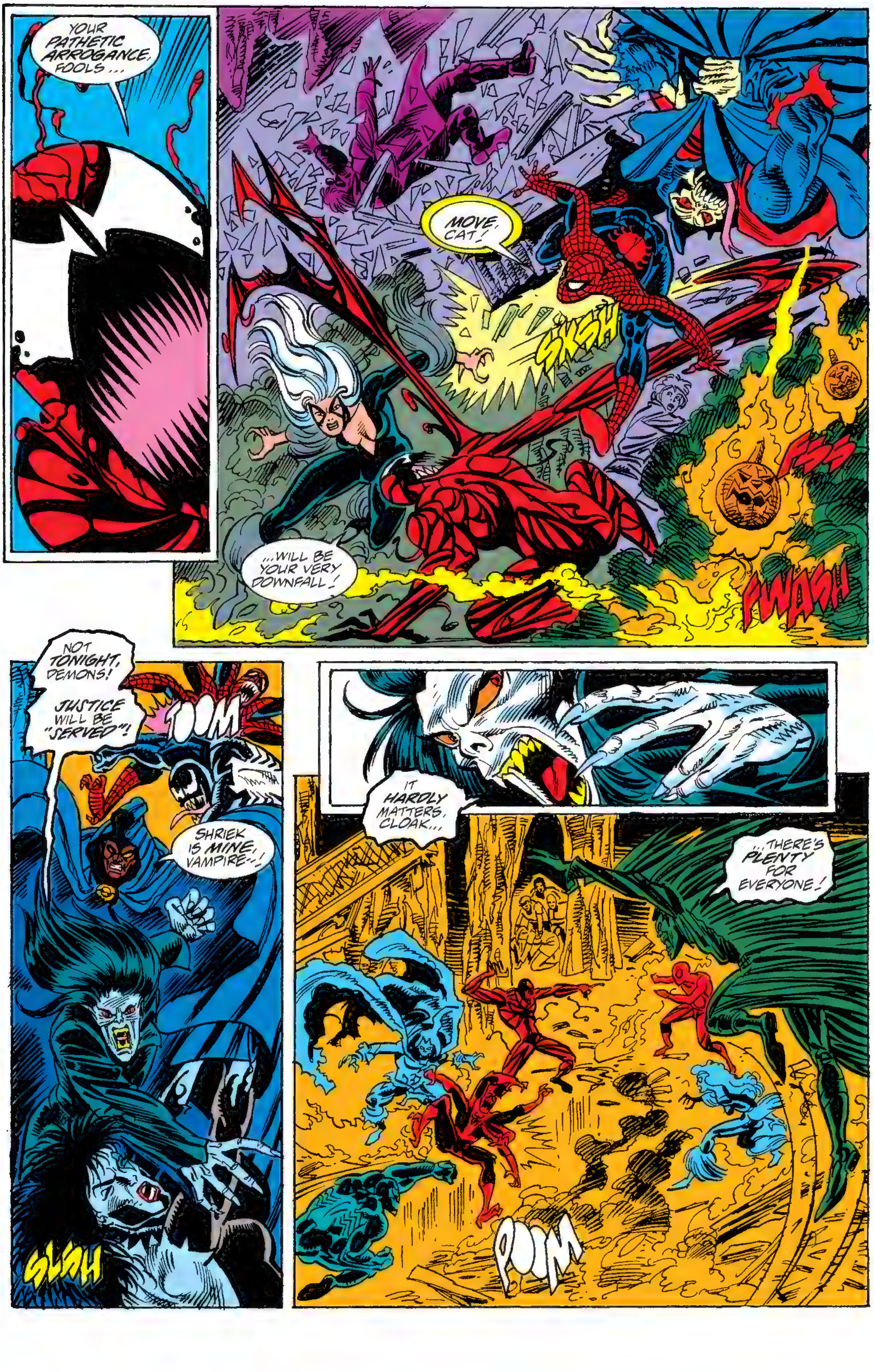

ED...?!
QUIET, CHUCK-- WE'RE LIVE HERE!
ONLY FOR THE MOMENT, ED...
...BUT I INSIST YOU SHOW MY BEST SIDE TO THE PUBLIC--.
NOOO!
"--FROM THE INSIDE-OUT!"
WHOAA...
...CARNAGE BRINGS NEW MEANING TO THE CONCEPT OF "SOUND BITE"!
THWIP
BUT THE TIMES SQUARE VIDEO-BULLETIN TELLS ME ALL I NEED TO KNOW...
"...HE'S PARTYING AT 'THE DEEP' TONIGHT."
YOUR REIGN OF TERROR ENDS HERE AND NOW, FRIENDS--!
FSSS
YOU ARE NO TRUE VAMPIRE, MORBIUS, DESPITE THE TRAPPINGS...
...MERELY AN ABOMINATION THAT REEKS OF THE TWISTED TAINT OF SCIENCE!
YAH!
SHREE
EEEEEEE

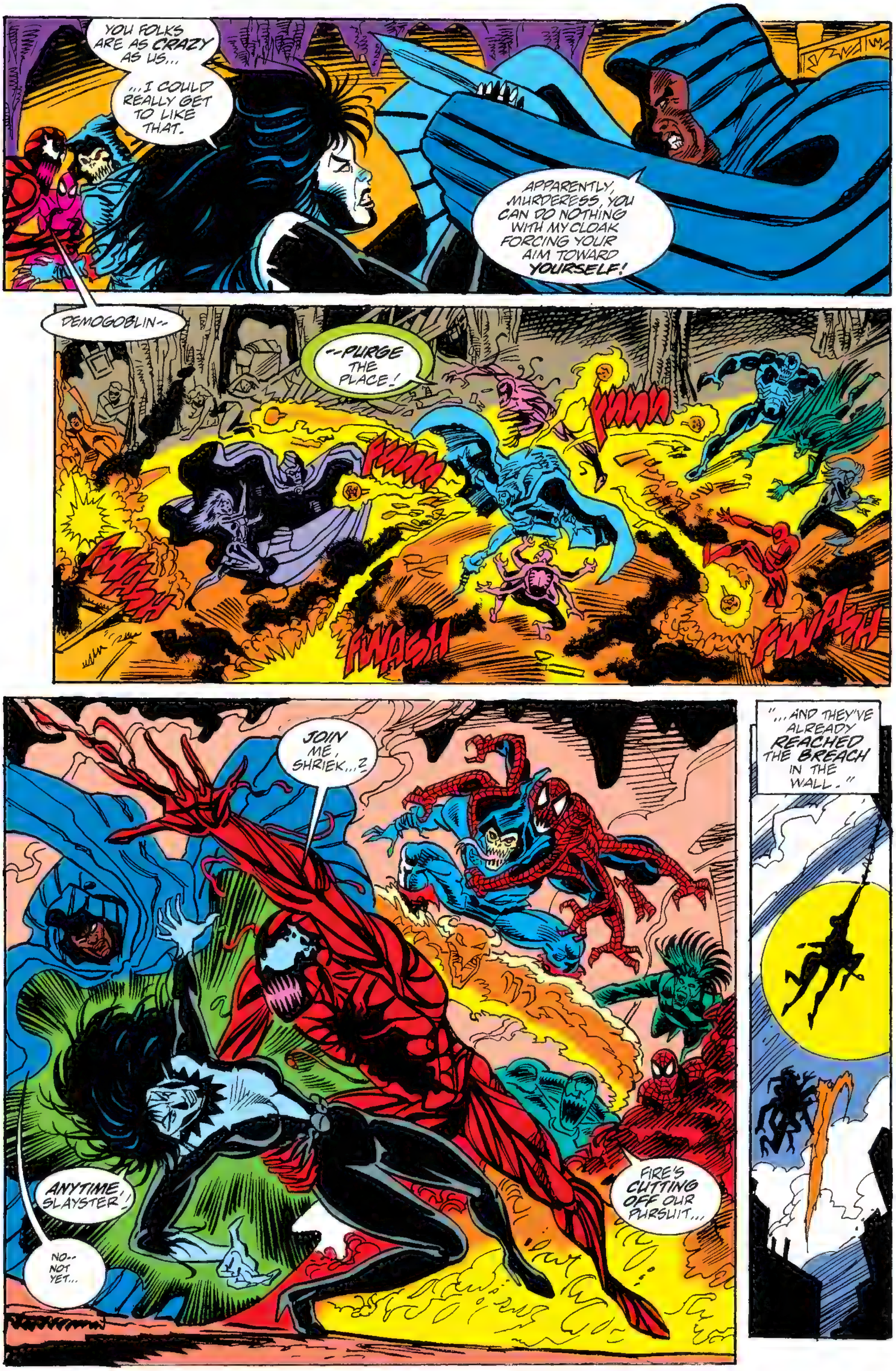

BUT THE DEMOGOBLIN'S PURIFYING PUMPKIN-BOMBS WILL CLEANSE YOU...
...TO THE BONE!
NOT FAST ENOUGH, SHRIEK--!
SHREE
WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN, PUSSYCAT...
...FOR THE COUNT!
ZWIP
ZWIP
GRR
ZWIP
ZWIP
IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTAIN THIS MINDLESS MONSTROSITY'S THRASHING AND WRITHING MUCH LONG--
AKK!
THIS IS THE FAMILY FEUD YOU WANTED, DADDY-O...?
YEEAR!
CARNAGE VERSUS VENOM-- ONE-ON ONE...
...HAND-TO-HAND?

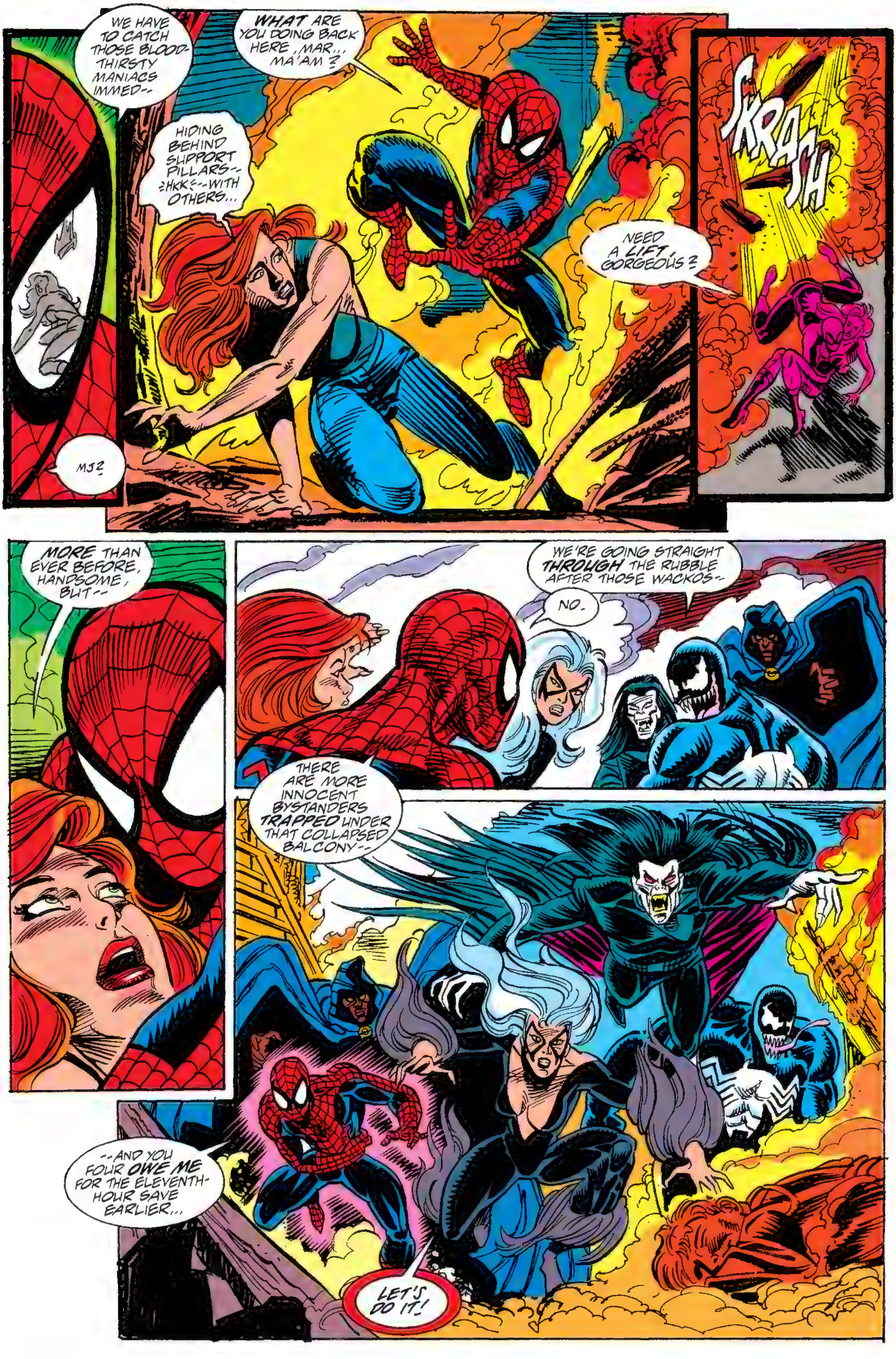

SKRAKT
THE ODDS JUST INCREASED ON THE UNDERDOGS, CARNAGE...
...AND EVERYTHING'S BUSTED WIDE OPEN!
GO!
FINALLY FOUND YOUR COURAGE, SPIDER-MAN--?
FREE!
MORE LIKE A REASON TO SINK TO YOUR DEPTHS, SADIST...
...BUT I DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT.
PERFECT. YOUR CHANGE OF HEART--
GRAAAR
--WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT APPETIZER!
ZWIP
ZWIP
ZWIP

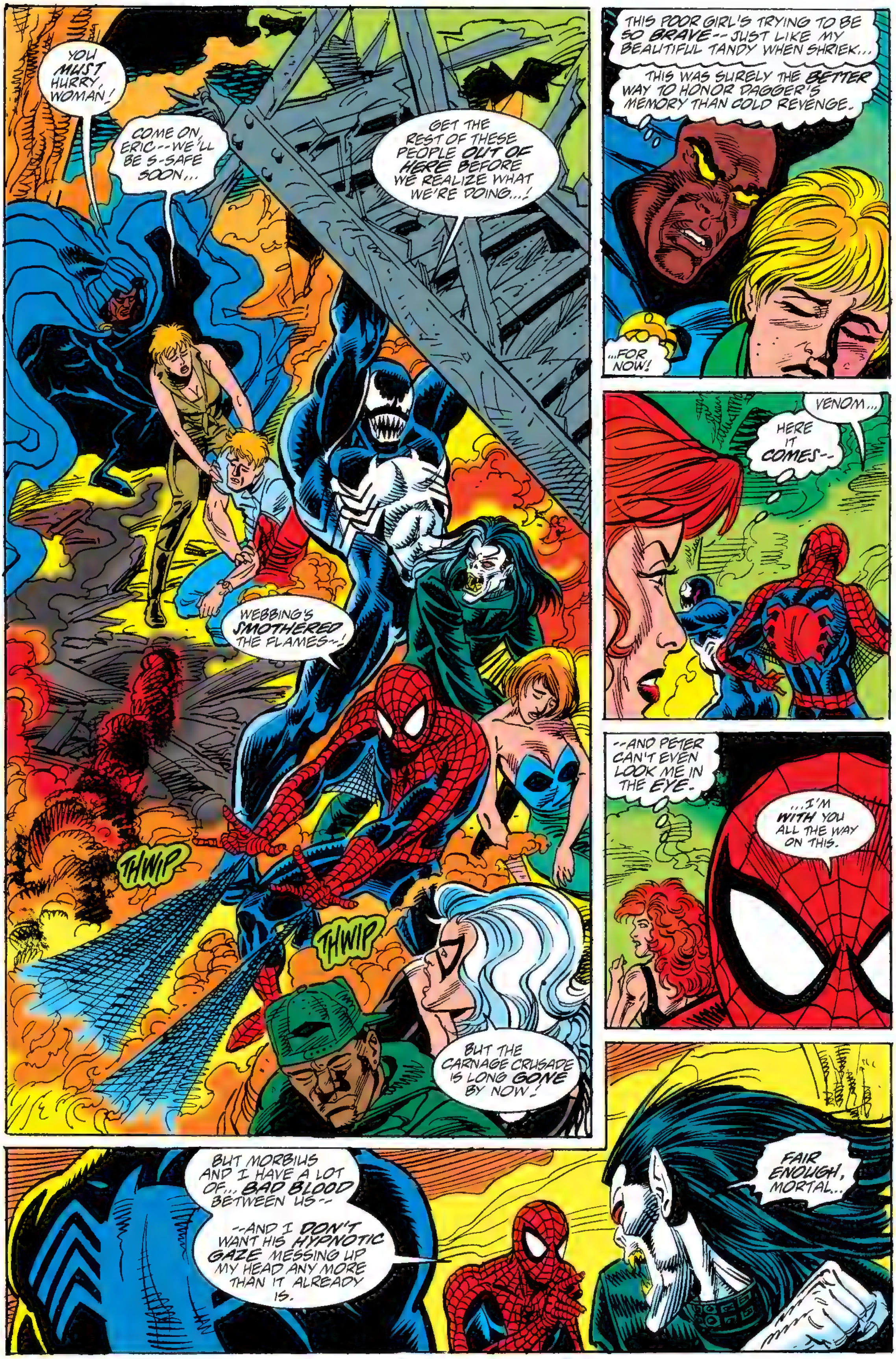

TOO LATE, CARNAGE!
SLISH
KNOK
HAPPY HOUR IS OVER!

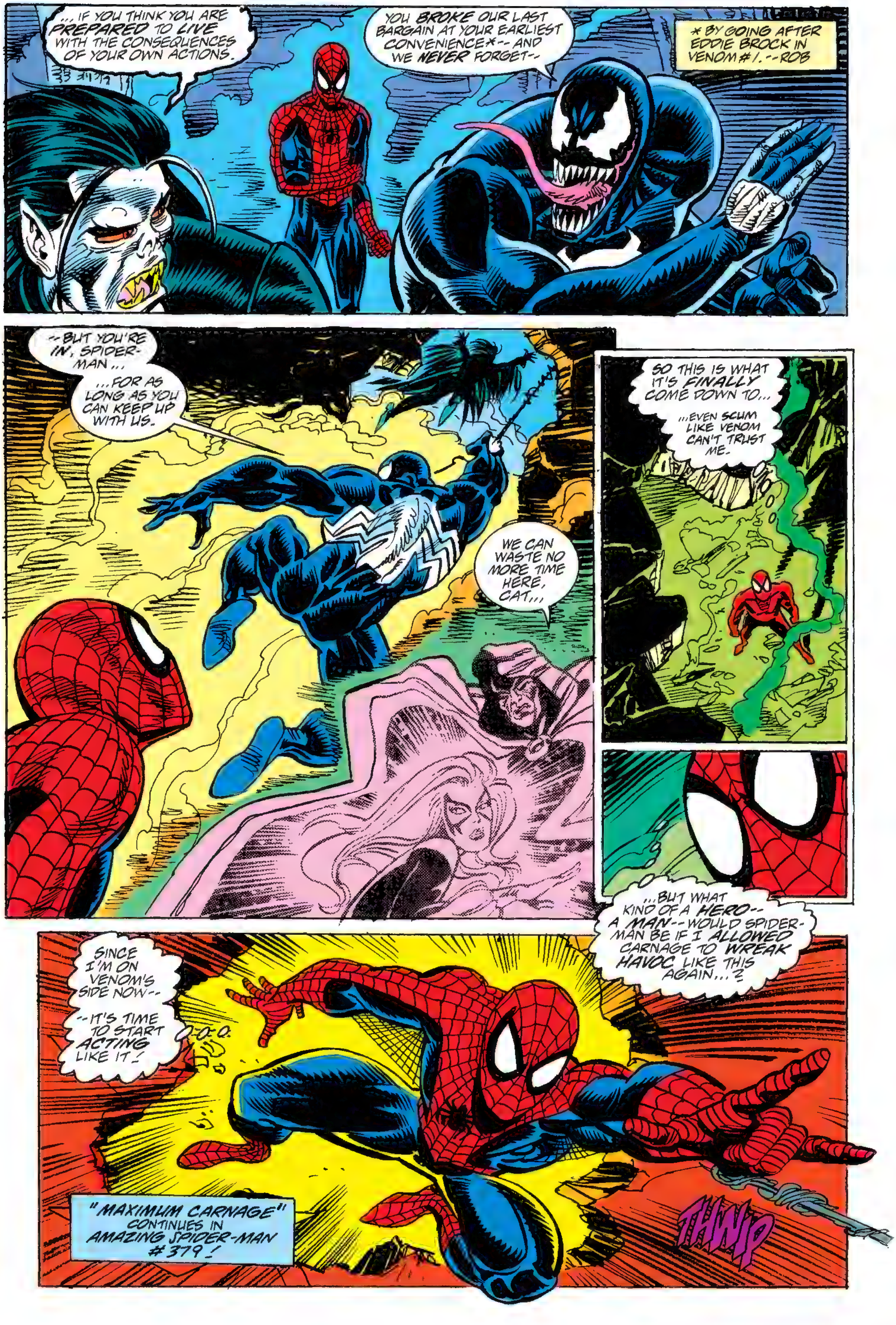

JOIN ME, CAT?
ANYTIME, SPIDER-STUD!
SLSH
POOM
WHERE...?
FOOM
FSSSS
YOU SHALL THREATEN NO ONE AGAIN, DEMO-GOBLIN--!
UMPH!
FORGET ABOUT MORBIUS, ARACHNOID...
...WE'RE NOT AFRAID TO GET A LITTLE BLOOD ON OUR HAN--
AAAAR!
AND I WILL RELISH GETTING UNDER YOURS, WITCH...!
SHREE
SHREE
BUT MY SONIC BLASTS CAN STILL GET UNDER YOUR SKIN, VENOM--!
ZWIP


YOUR PATHETIC ARROGANCE, FOOLS...
MOVE, CAT!
SKSH
...WILL BE YOUR VERY DOWNFALL!
FSS
FWASH
NOT TONIGHT, DEMONS!
JUSTICE WILL BE "SERVED"!
TOOM
SHRIEK IS MINE, VAMPIRE--!
SLSH
IT HARDLY MATTERS, CLOAK...
...THERE'S PLENTY FOR EVERYONE!
POOM


YOU FOLKS ARE AS **CRAZY** AS US...
...I COULD REALLY GET TO LIKE THAT.
APPARENTLY, MURDERESS, YOU CAN DO NOTHING WITH MY CLOAK FORCING YOUR AIM TOWARD **YOURSELF!**
DEMOGOBLIN--
--PURGE THE PLACE!
FWASH
FWASH
FWASH
JOIN ME, SHRIEK...?
ANYTIME, SLAYSTER!
NO... NOT YET...
FIRE'S **CUTTING** OFF OUR PURSUIT...
"...AND THEY'VE ALREADY **REACHED** THE **BREACH** IN THE WALL."


WE HAVE TO CATCH THOSE BLOOD-THIRSTY MANIACS IMMED--
WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK HERE, MAR... MA'AM?
HIDING BEHIND SUPPORT PILLARS-- HKK --WITH OTHERS...
MJ?
SKRASH
NEED A LIFT, GORGEOUS?
MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, HANDSOME, BUT--
WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH THE RUBBLE AFTER THOSE WACKOS--
NO.
THERE ARE MORE INNOCENT BYSTANDERS TRAPPED UNDER THAT COLLAPSED BALCONY--
--AND YOU FOUR OWE ME FOR THE ELEVENTH-HOUR SAVE EARLIER...
LET'S DO IT!


YOU MUST HURRY, WOMAN!
COME ON, ERIC--WE'LL BE S-SAFE SOON...
GET THE REST OF THESE PEOPLE OUT OF HERE BEFORE WE REALIZE WHAT WE'RE DOING...!
WEBBING'S SMOTHERED THE FLAMES--!
THWIP
THWIP
BUT THE CARNAGE CRUSADE IS LONG GONE BY NOW!
THIS POOR GIRL'S TRYING TO BE SO BRAVE--JUST LIKE MY BEAUTIFUL TANDY WHEN SHRIEK...
THIS WAS SURELY THE BETTER WAY TO HONOR DAGGER'S MEMORY THAN COLD REVENGE.
...FOR NOW!
VENOM...
HERE IT COMES--
--AND PETER CAN'T EVEN LOOK ME IN THE EYE.
...I'M WITH YOU ALL THE WAY ON THIS.
BUT MORBIUS AND I HAVE A LOT OF... BAD BLOOD BETWEEN US--
--AND I DON'T WANT HIS HYPNOTIC GAZE MESSING UP MY HEAD ANY MORE THAN IT ALREADY IS.
FAIR ENOUGH, MORTAL...


...IF YOU THINK YOU ARE PREPARED TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR OWN ACTIONS.
YOU BROKE OUR LAST BARGAIN AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE*-- AND WE NEVER FORGET--
* BY GOING AFTER EDDIE BROCK IN VENOM #1. --ROB
--BUT YOU'RE IN, SPIDER-MAN...
...FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH US.
WE CAN WASTE NO MORE TIME HERE, CAT...
SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S FINALLY COME DOWN TO...
...EVEN SCUM LIKE VENOM CAN'T TRUST ME.
...BUT WHAT KIND OF A HERO-- A MAN-- WOULD SPIDER-MAN BE IF I ALLOWED CARNAGE TO WREAK HAVOC LIKE THIS AGAIN...?
SINCE I'M ON VENOM'S SIDE NOW--
--IT'S TIME TO START ACTING LIKE IT!
THWIP
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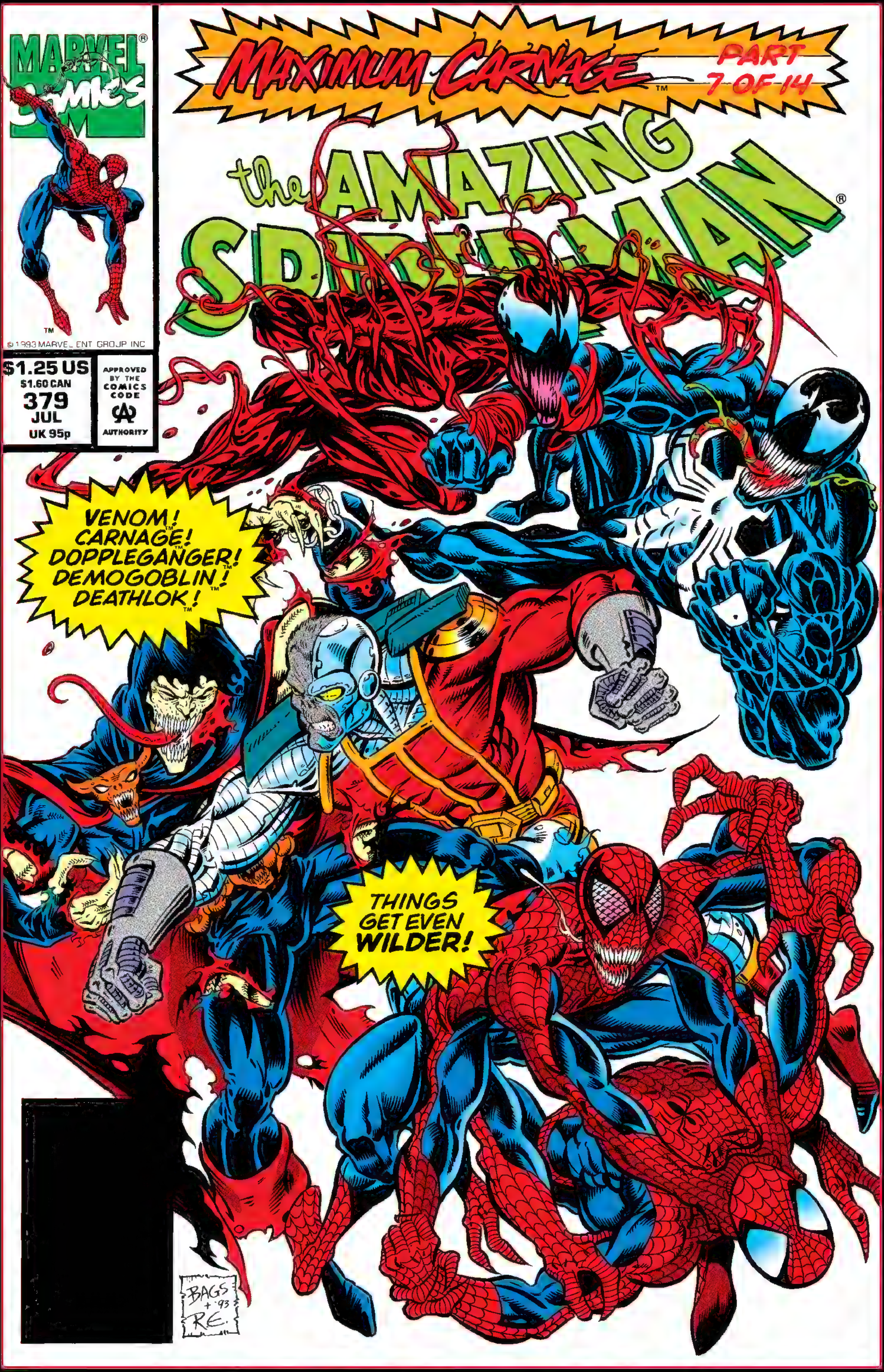
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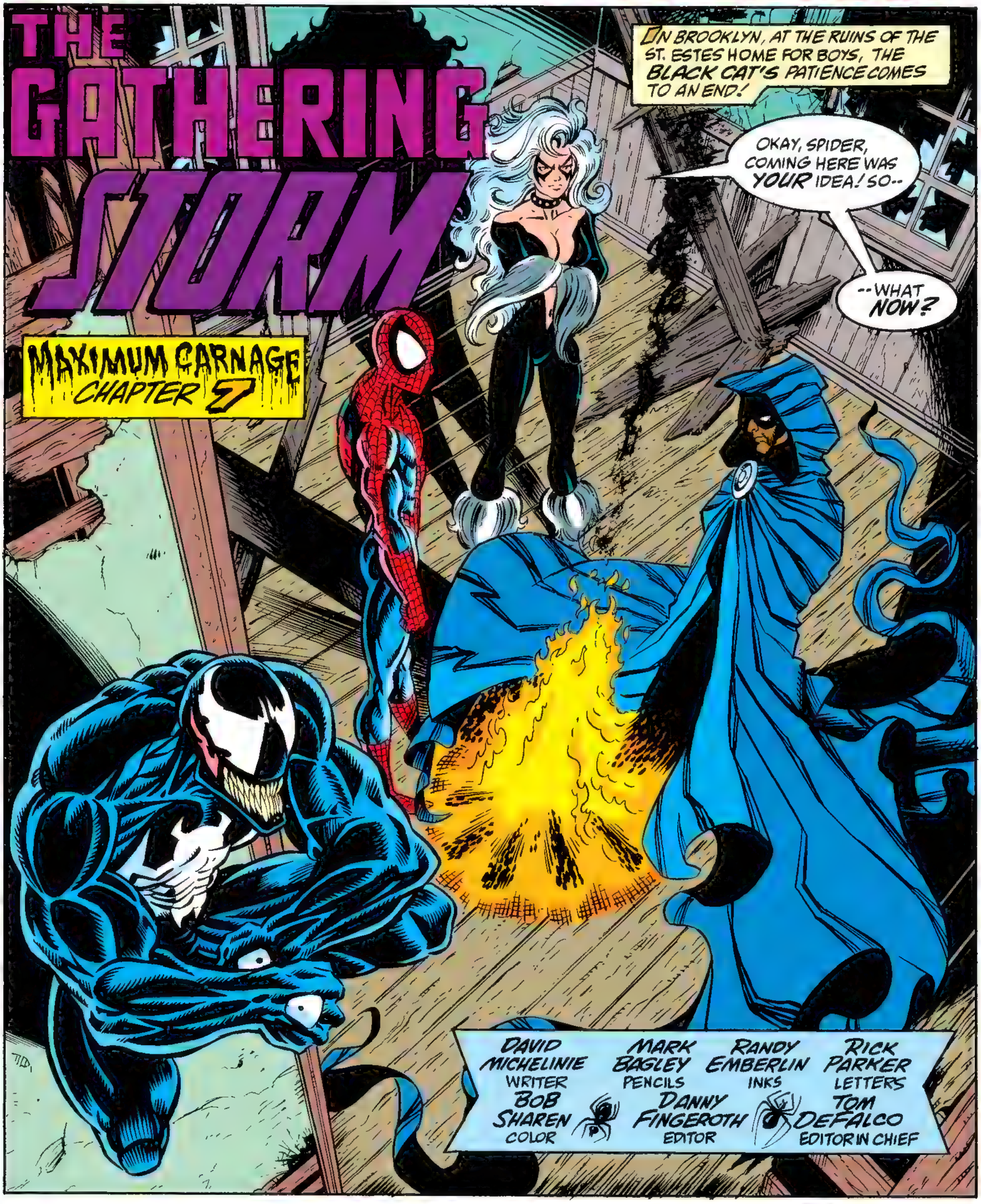
THE GATHERING STORM
MAXIMUM CARNAGE CHAPTER 7
IN BROOKLYN, AT THE RUINS OF THE ST. ESTES HOME FOR BOYS, THE BLACK CAT'S PATIENCE COMES TO AN END!
OKAY, SPIDER, COMING HERE WAS YOUR IDEA! SO--
--WHAT NOW?
DAVID MICHELINIE WRITER
MARK BAGLEY PENCILS
RANDY EMBERLIN INKS
RICK PARKER LETTERS
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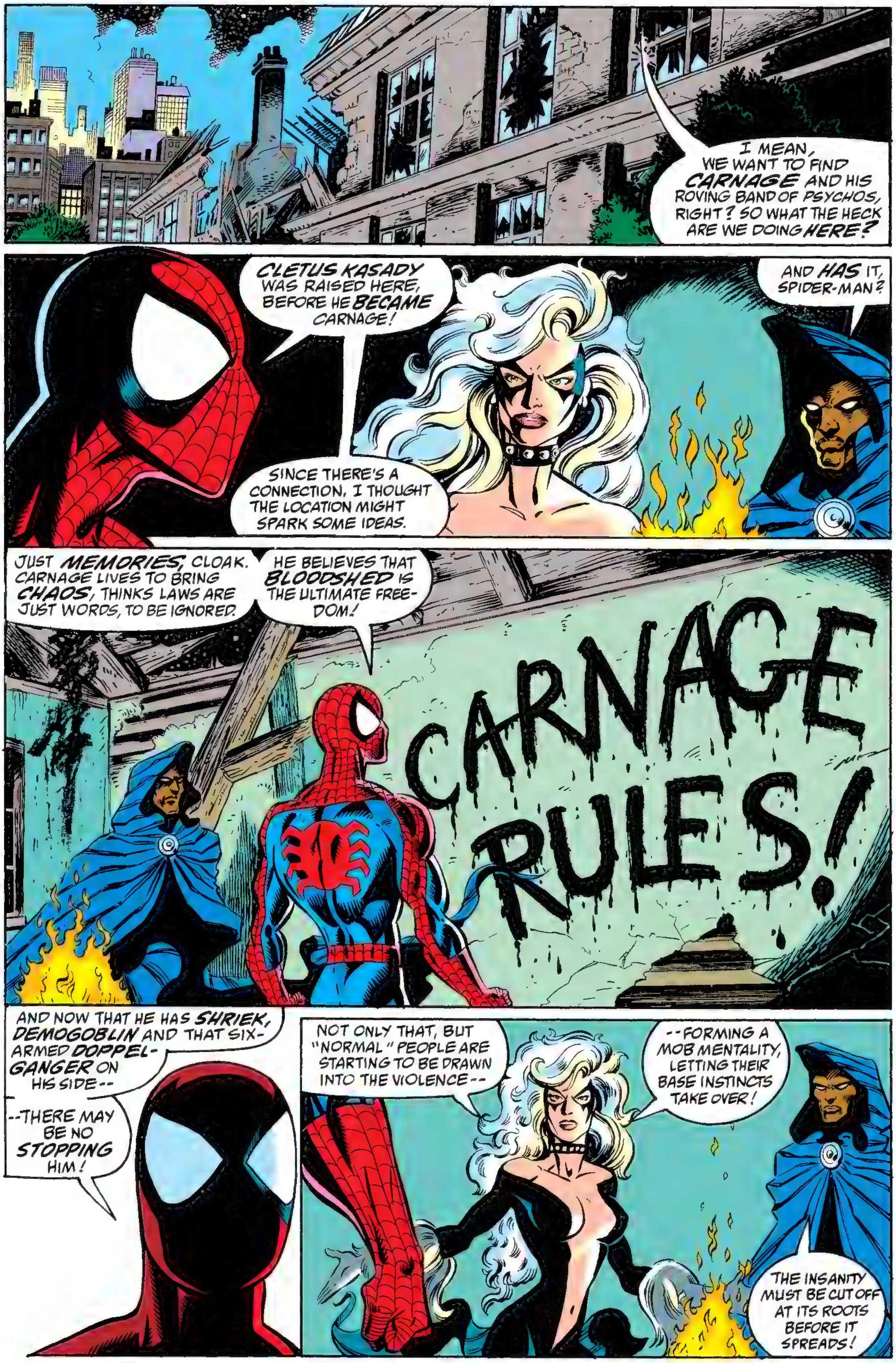
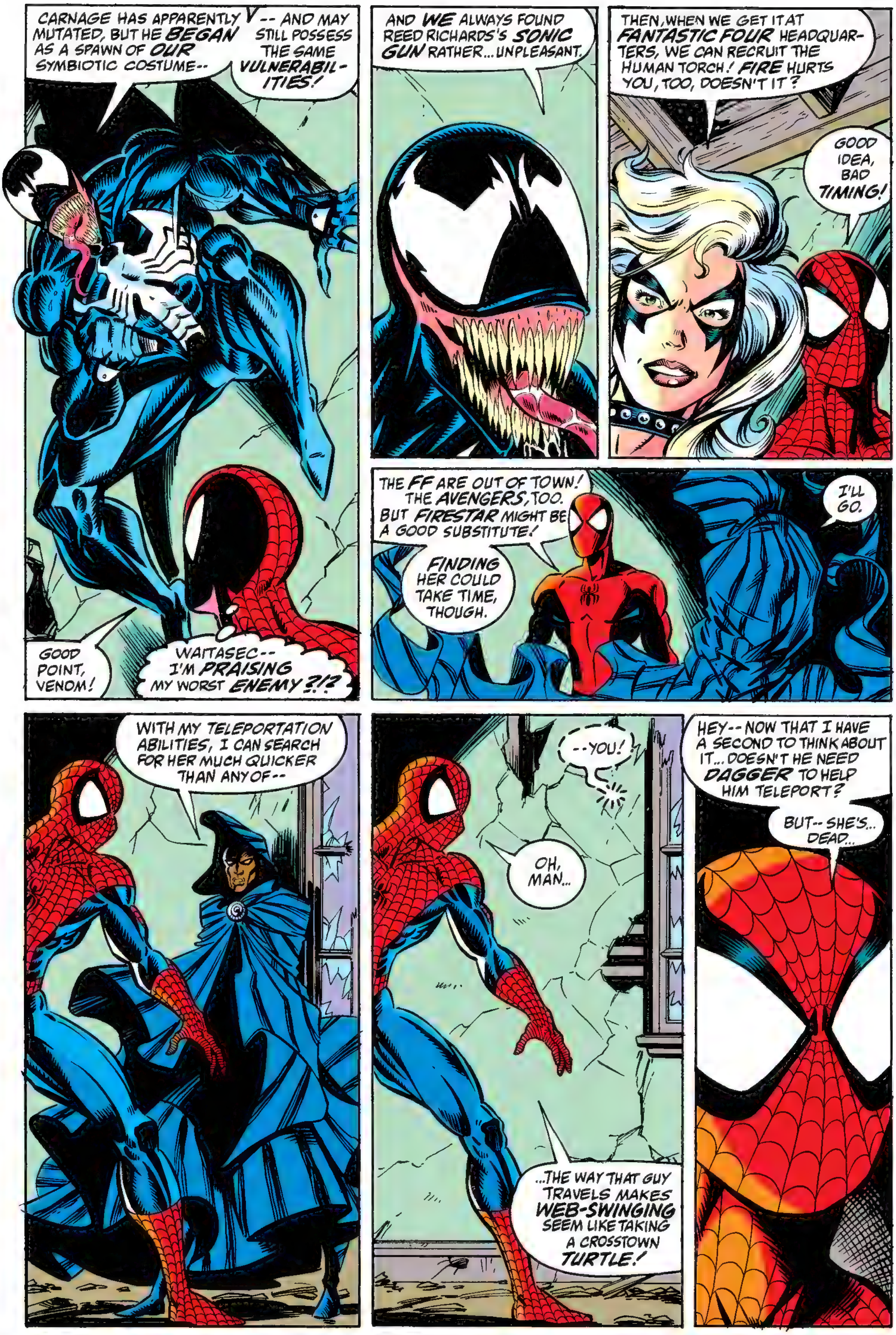
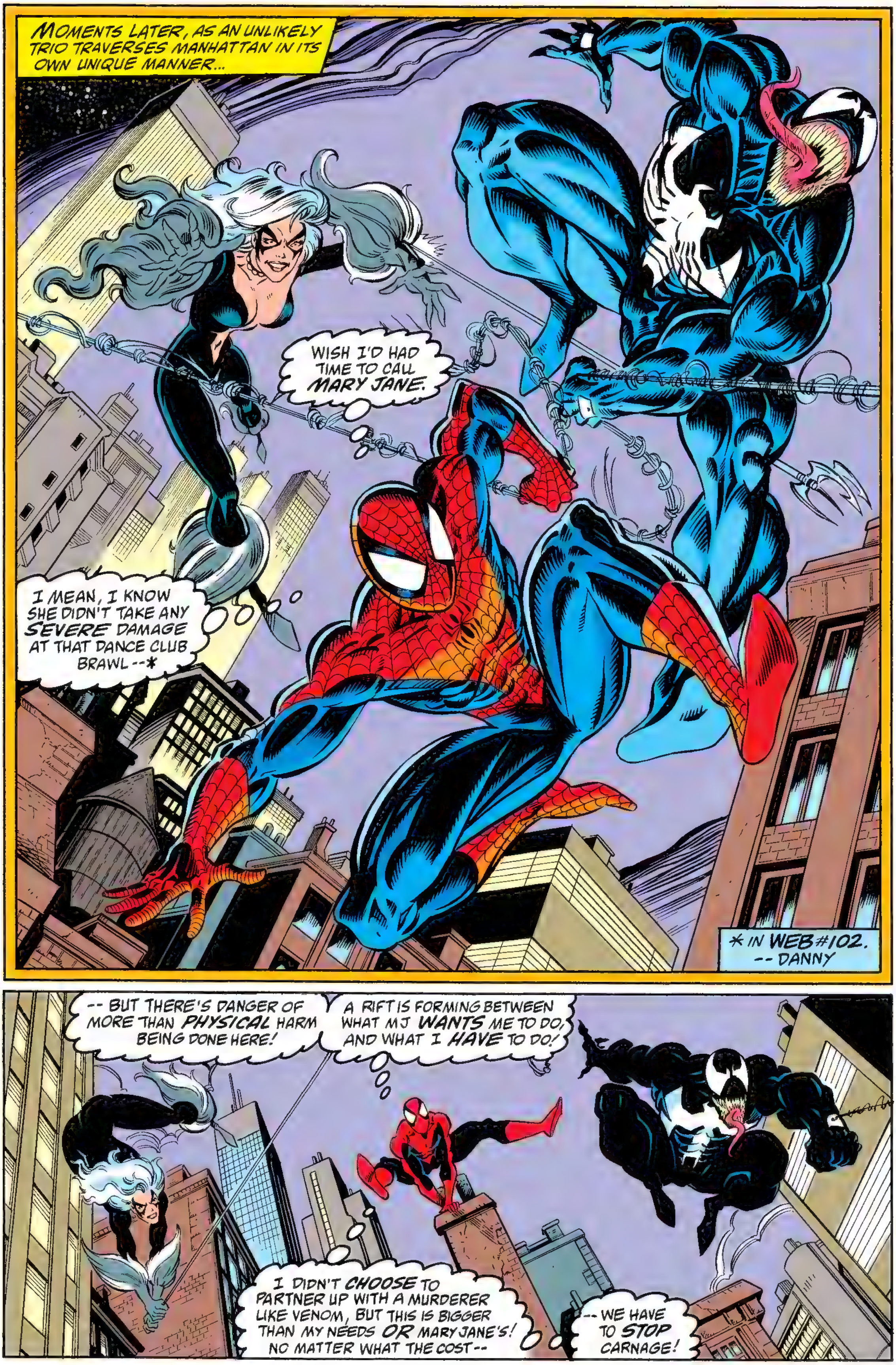
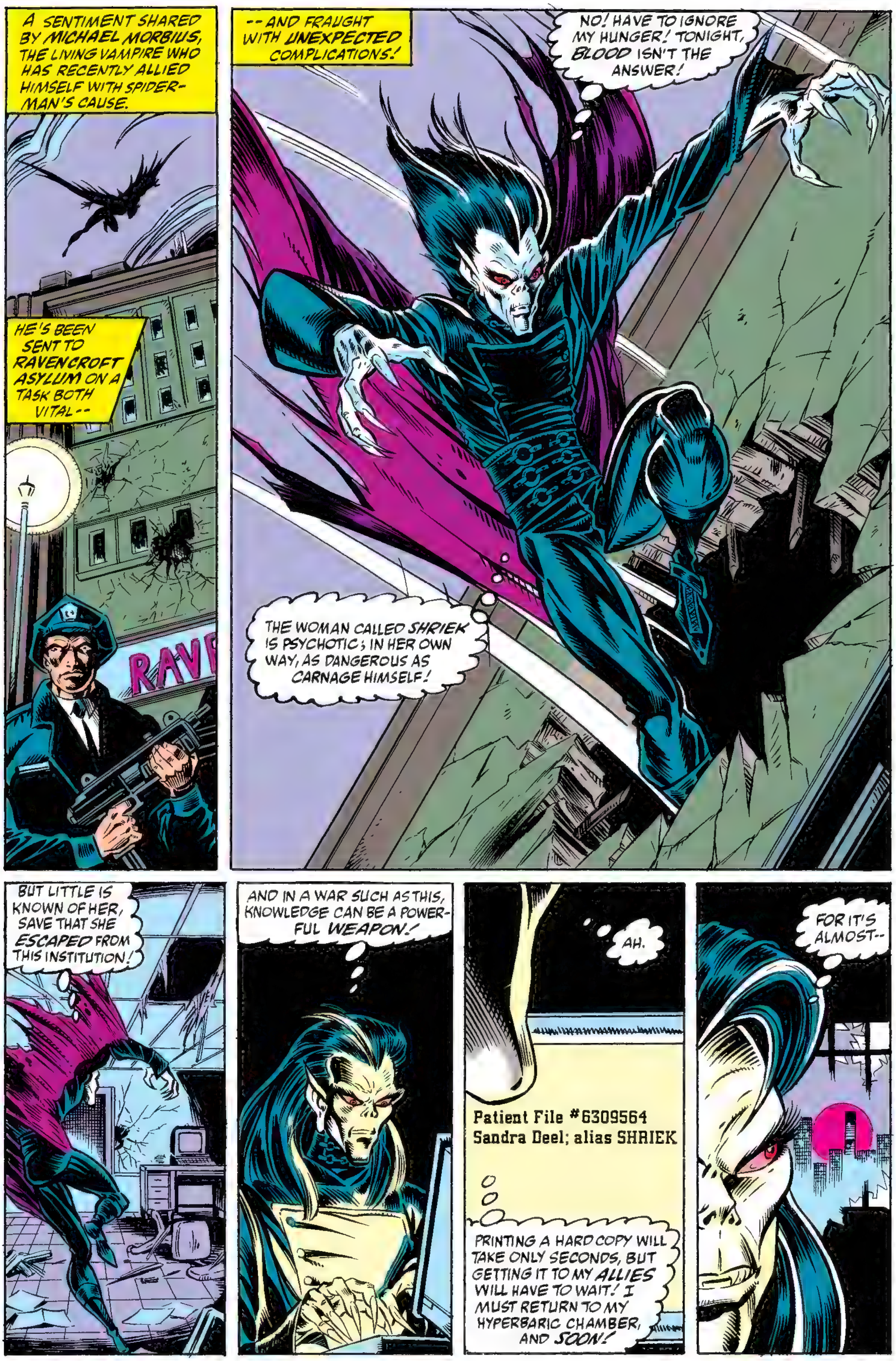
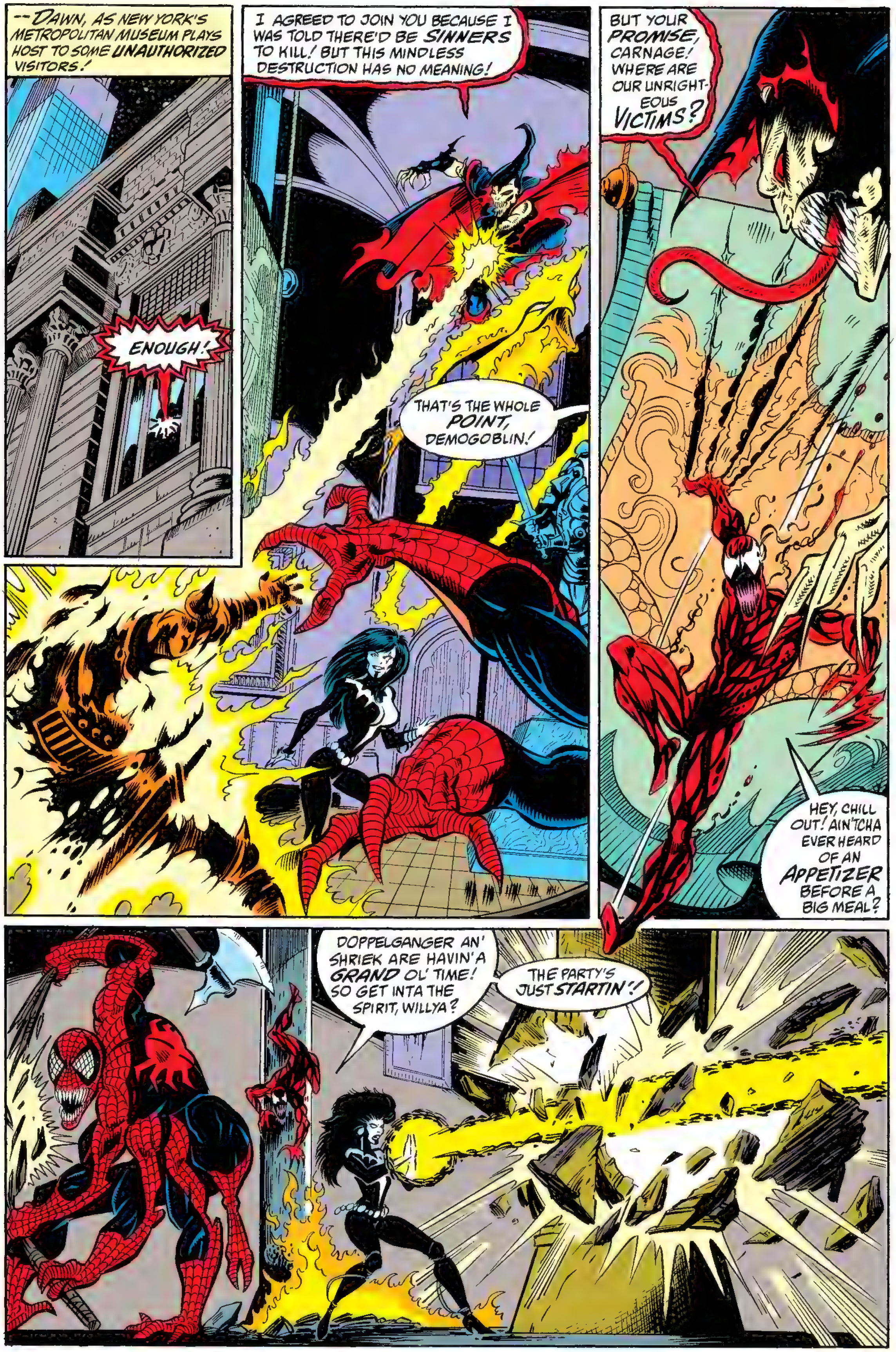
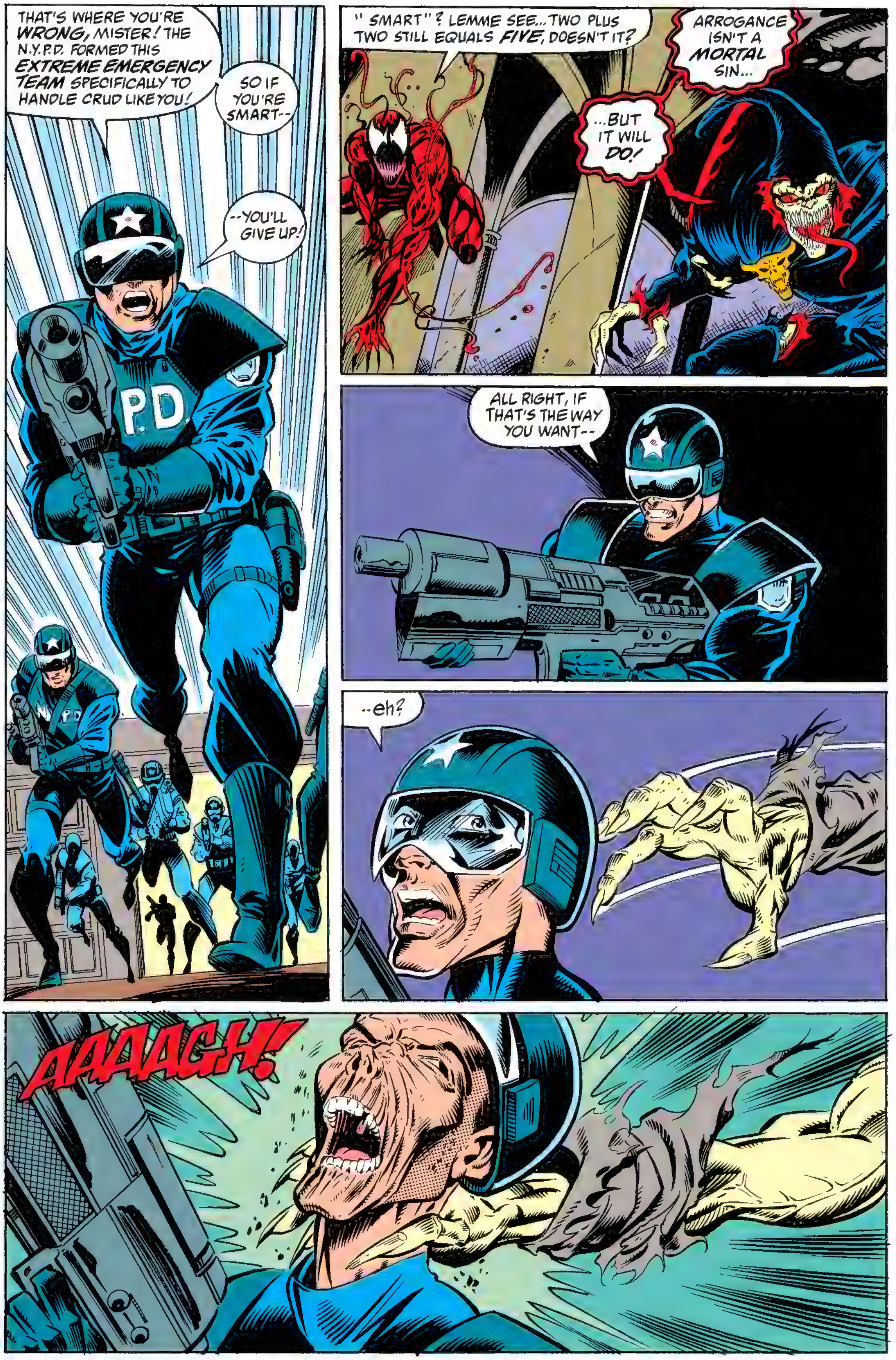

I MEAN, WE WANT TO FIND **CARNAGE** AND HIS ROVING BAND OF PSYCHOS, RIGHT? SO WHAT THE HECK ARE WE DOING **HERE?**
CLETUS KASADY WAS RAISED HERE, BEFORE HE **BECAME** CARNAGE!
SINCE THERE'S A CONNECTION, I THOUGHT THE LOCATION MIGHT SPARK SOME IDEAS.
AND **HAS** IT, SPIDER-MAN?
JUST **MEMORIES,** CLOAK. CARNAGE LIVES TO BRING **CHAOS,** THINKS LAWS ARE JUST WORDS, TO BE IGNORED.
HE BELIEVES THAT **BLOODSHED** IS THE ULTIMATE FREEDOM!
CARNAGE RULES!
AND NOW THAT HE HAS **SHRIEK, DEMOGOBLIN** AND THAT SIX-ARMED **DOPPELGANGER** ON HIS SIDE--
--THERE MAY BE NO **STOPPING** HIM!
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT "NORMAL" PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO BE DRAWN INTO THE VIOLENCE--
--FORMING A MOB MENTALITY, LETTING THEIR BASE INSTINCTS TAKE OVER!
THE INSANITY MUST BE CUT OFF AT ITS ROOTS BEFORE IT SPREADS!

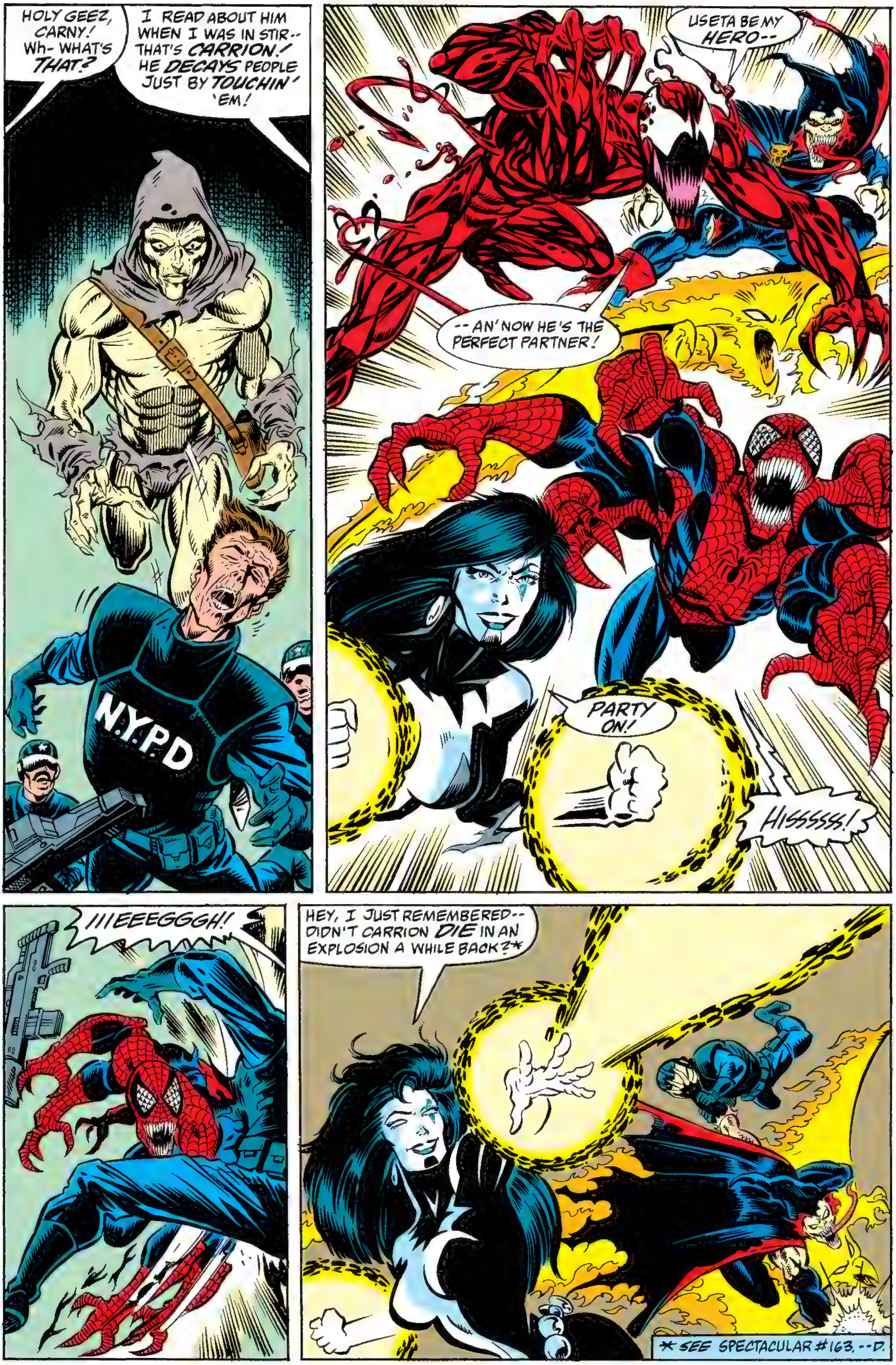

CARNAGE HAS APPARENTLY MUTATED, BUT HE BEGAN AS A SPAWN OF OUR SYMBIOTIC COSTUME--
-- AND MAY STILL POSSESS THE SAME VULNERABILITIES!
GOOD POINT, VENOM!
WAITASEC-- I'M PRAISING MY WORST ENEMY?!?
AND WE ALWAYS FOUND REED RICHARDS'S SONIC GUN RATHER... UNPLEASANT.
THEN, WHEN WE GET IT AT FANTASTIC FOUR HEADQUARTERS, WE CAN RECRUIT THE HUMAN TORCH! FIRE HURTS YOU, TOO, DOESN'T IT?
GOOD IDEA, BAD TIMING!
THE FF ARE OUT OF TOWN! THE AVENGERS, TOO. BUT FIRESTAR MIGHT BE A GOOD SUBSTITUTE!
FINDING HER COULD TAKE TIME, THOUGH.
I'LL GO.
WITH MY TELEPORTATION ABILITIES, I CAN SEARCH FOR HER MUCH QUICKER THAN ANY OF--
--YOU!
OH, MAN...
...THE WAY THAT GUY TRAVELS MAKES WEB-SWINGING SEEM LIKE TAKING A CROSSTOWN TURTLE!
HEY-- NOW THAT I HAVE A SECOND TO THINK ABOUT IT... DOESN'T HE NEED DAGGER TO HELP HIM TELEPORT?
BUT-- SHE'S... DEAD...

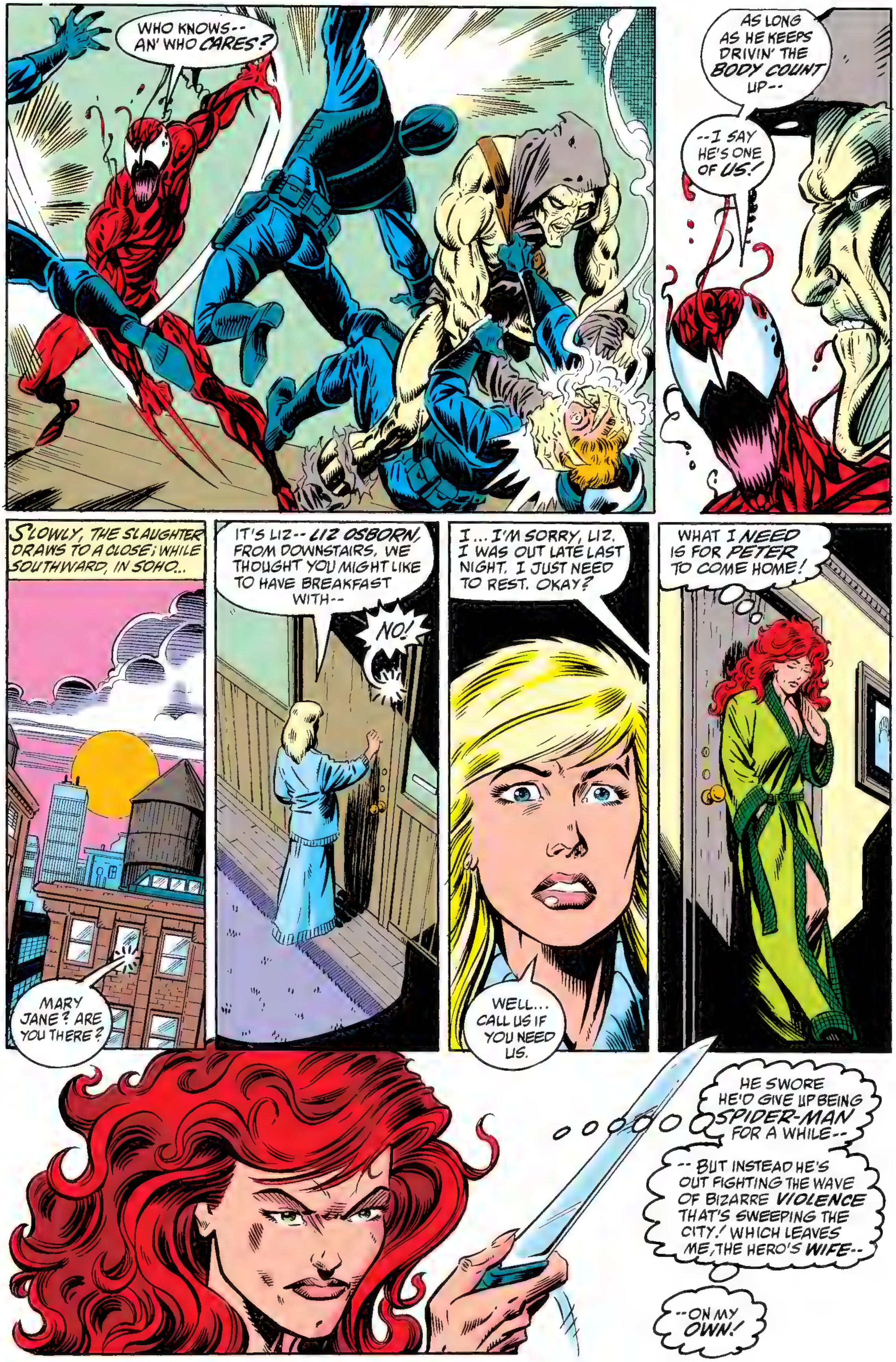

MOMENTS LATER, AS AN UNLIKELY TRIO TRAVERSES MANHATTAN IN ITS OWN UNIQUE MANNER...
WISH I'D HAD TIME TO CALL *MARY JANE*.
I MEAN, I KNOW SHE DIDN'T TAKE ANY *SEVERE* DAMAGE AT THAT DANCE CLUB BRAWL --*
* IN **WEB** #102. -- DANNY
-- BUT THERE'S DANGER OF MORE THAN *PHYSICAL* HARM BEING DONE HERE!
A RIFT IS FORMING BETWEEN WHAT MJ *WANTS* ME TO DO, AND WHAT I *HAVE* TO DO!
I DIDN'T *CHOOSE* TO PARTNER UP WITH A MURDERER LIKE VENOM, BUT THIS IS BIGGER THAN MY NEEDS *OR* MARY JANE'S! NO MATTER WHAT THE COST --
-- WE HAVE TO *STOP* CARNAGE!

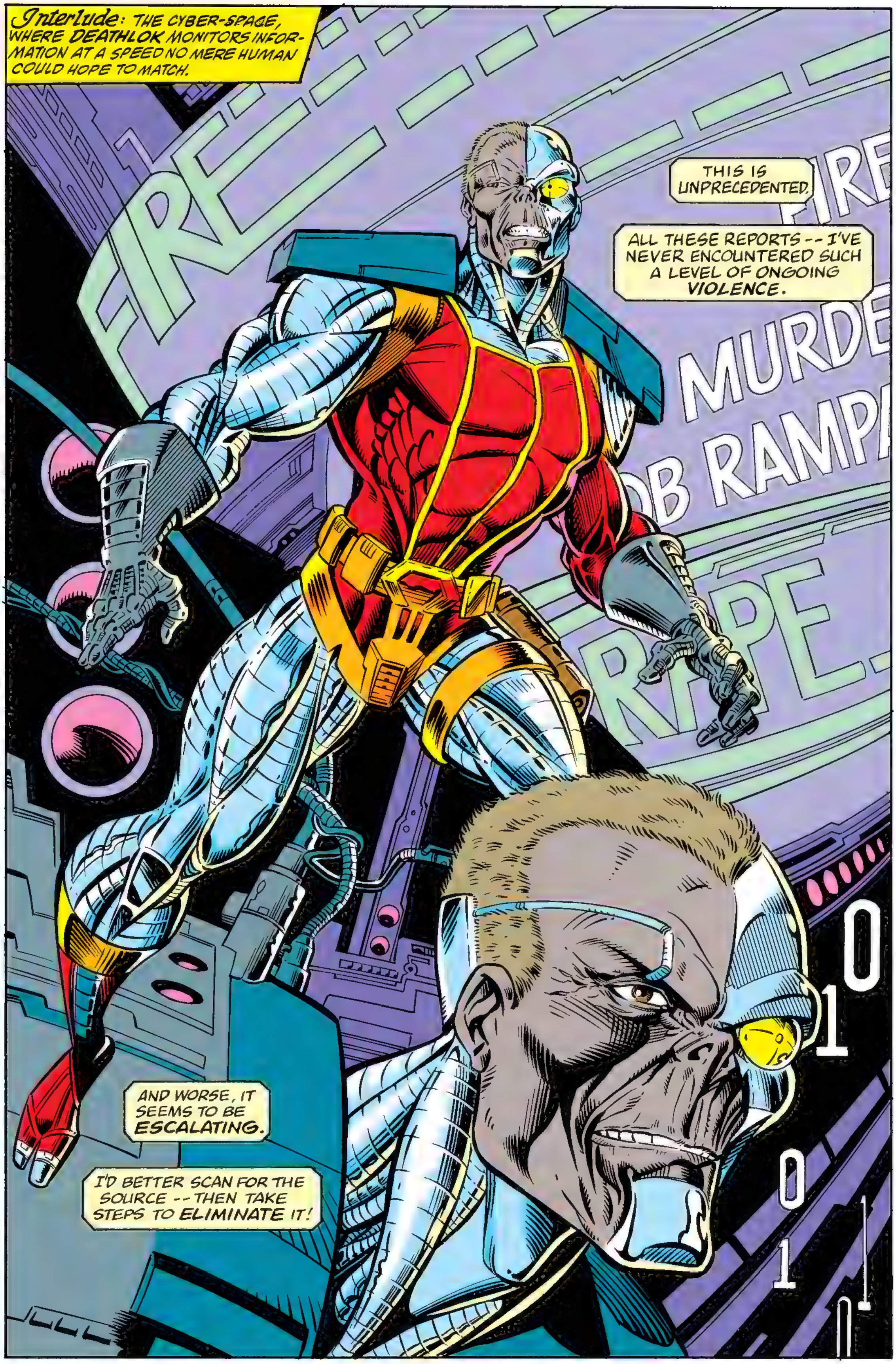

A SENTIMENT SHARED BY MICHAEL MORBIUS, THE LIVING VAMPIRE WHO HAS RECENTLY ALLIED HIMSELF WITH SPIDER-MAN'S CAUSE.
HE'S BEEN SENT TO RAVENCROFT ASYLUM ON A TASK BOTH VITAL--
RAV
--AND FRAUGHT WITH UNEXPECTED COMPLICATIONS!
NO! HAVE TO IGNORE MY HUNGER! TONIGHT, BLOOD ISN'T THE ANSWER!
THE WOMAN CALLED SHRIEK IS PSYCHOTIC; IN HER OWN WAY, AS DANGEROUS AS CARNAGE HIMSELF!
BUT LITTLE IS KNOWN OF HER, SAVE THAT SHE ESCAPED FROM THIS INSTITUTION!
AND IN A WAR SUCH AS THIS, KNOWLEDGE CAN BE A POWERFUL WEAPON!
AH.
Patient File #6309564
Sandra Deel; alias SHRIEK
PRINTING A HARD COPY WILL TAKE ONLY SECONDS, BUT GETTING IT TO MY ALLIES WILL HAVE TO WAIT! I MUST RETURN TO MY HYPERBARIC CHAMBER, AND SOON!
FOR IT'S ALMOST--


--DAWN, AS NEW YORK'S METROPOLITAN MUSEUM PLAYS HOST TO SOME UNAUTHORIZED VISITORS!
ENOUGH!
I AGREED TO JOIN YOU BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THERE'D BE SINNERS TO KILL! BUT THIS MINDLESS DESTRUCTION HAS NO MEANING!
THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT, DEMOGOBLIN!
BUT YOUR PROMISE, CARNAGE! WHERE ARE OUR UNRIGHTEOUS VICTIMS?
HEY, CHILL OUT! AIN'TCHA EVER HEARD OF AN APPETIZER BEFORE A BIG MEAL?
DOPPELGANGER AN' SHRIEK ARE HAVIN' A GRAND OL' TIME! SO GET INTA THE SPIRIT, WILLYA?
THE PARTY'S JUST STARTIN'!


THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE **WRONG,** MISTER! THE N.Y.P.D. FORMED THIS **EXTREME EMERGENCY TEAM** SPECIFICALLY TO HANDLE CRUD LIKE YOU!
SO IF YOU'RE SMART--
--YOU'LL GIVE UP!
P.D
"SMART"? LEMME SEE... TWO PLUS TWO STILL EQUALS **FIVE,** DOESN'T IT?
ARROGANCE ISN'T A **MORTAL** SIN...
...BUT IT WILL **DO!**
ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT--
--eh?
AAAAGH!


HOLY GEEZ, CARNY! Wh- WHAT'S THAT?
I READ ABOUT HIM WHEN I WAS IN STIR-- THAT'S CARRION! HE DECAYS PEOPLE JUST BY TOUCHIN' 'EM!
N.Y.P.D
USETA BE MY HERO--
--AN' NOW HE'S THE PERFECT PARTNER!
PARTY ON!
HISSSSS!
IIIEEEGGGH!
HEY, I JUST REMEMBERED-- DIDN'T CARRION DIE IN AN EXPLOSION A WHILE BACK?*
*SEE SPECTACULAR #163. --D.


WHO KNOWS-- AN' WHO CARES?
AS LONG AS HE KEEPS DRIVIN' THE BODY COUNT UP--
--I SAY HE'S ONE OF US!
SLOWLY, THE SLAUGHTER DRAWS TO A CLOSE; WHILE SOUTHWARD, IN SOHO...
MARY JANE? ARE YOU THERE?
IT'S LIZ-- LIZ OSBORN, FROM DOWNSTAIRS. WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE BREAKFAST WITH--
NO!
I... I'M SORRY, LIZ. I WAS OUT LATE LAST NIGHT. I JUST NEED TO REST. OKAY?
WELL... CALL US IF YOU NEED US.
WHAT I NEED IS FOR PETER TO COME HOME!
HE SWORE HE'D GIVE UP BEING SPIDER-MAN FOR A WHILE--
-- BUT INSTEAD HE'S OUT FIGHTING THE WAVE OF BIZARRE VIOLENCE THAT'S SWEEPING THE CITY! WHICH LEAVES ME, THE HERO'S WIFE--
--ON MY OWN!


Interlude: THE CYBER-SPACE, WHERE DEATHLOK MONITORS INFORMATION AT A SPEED NO MERE HUMAN COULD HOPE TO MATCH.
FIRE
FIRE
MURDE
OB RAMPA
RAPE.
THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED.
ALL THESE REPORTS -- I'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED SUCH A LEVEL OF ONGOING VIOLENCE.
AND WORSE, IT SEEMS TO BE ESCALATING.
I'D BETTER SCAN FOR THE SOURCE -- THEN TAKE STEPS TO ELIMINATE IT!
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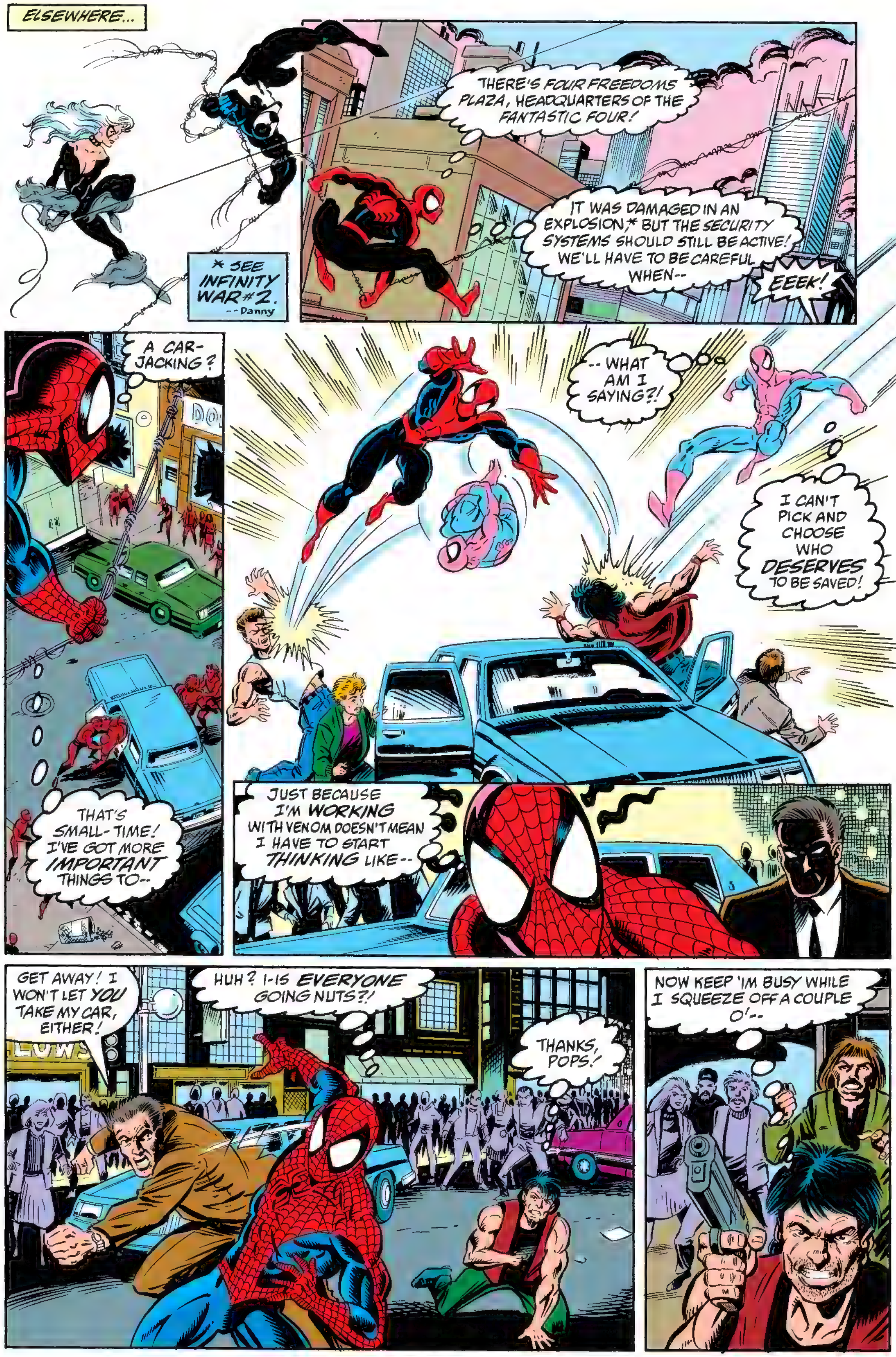
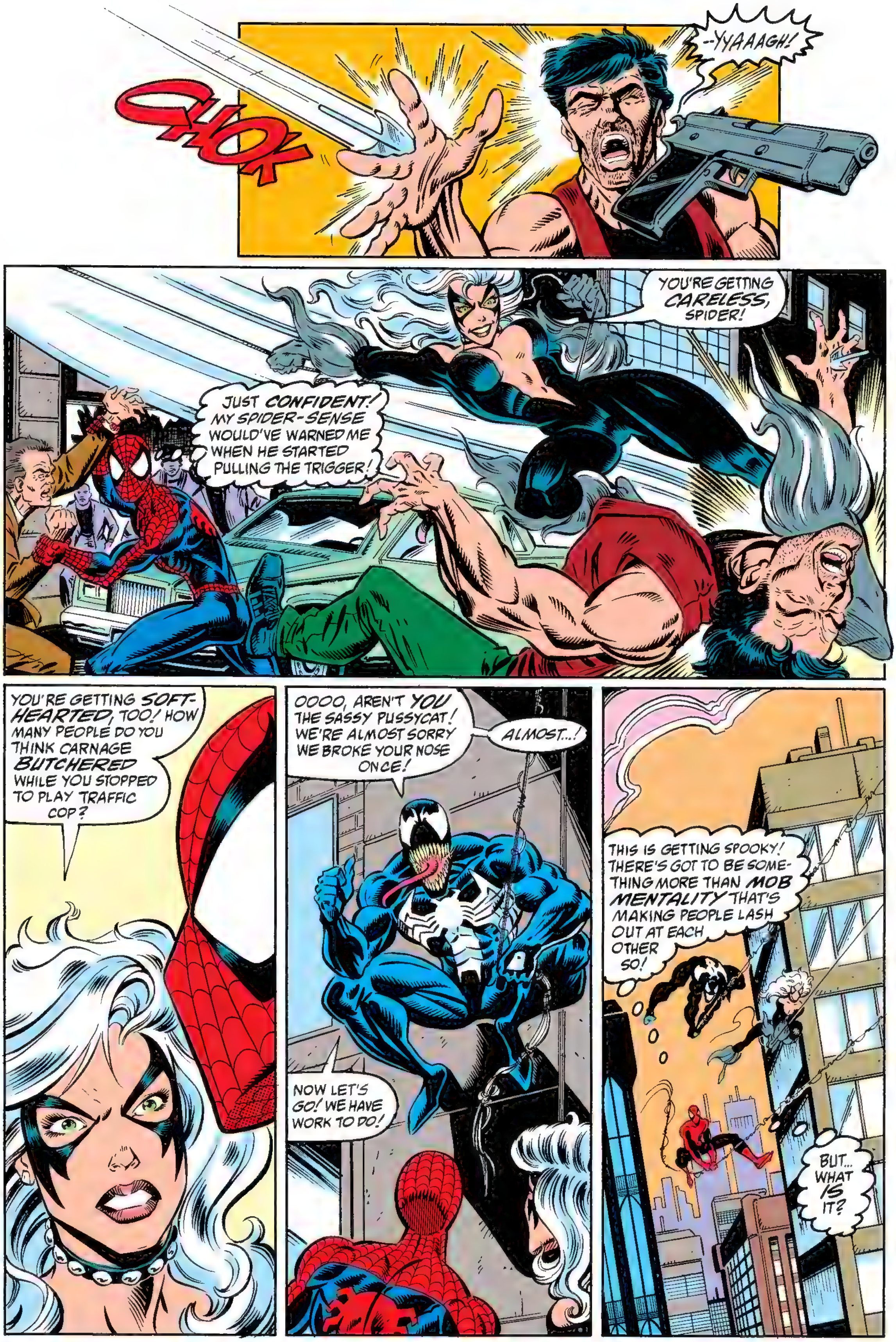
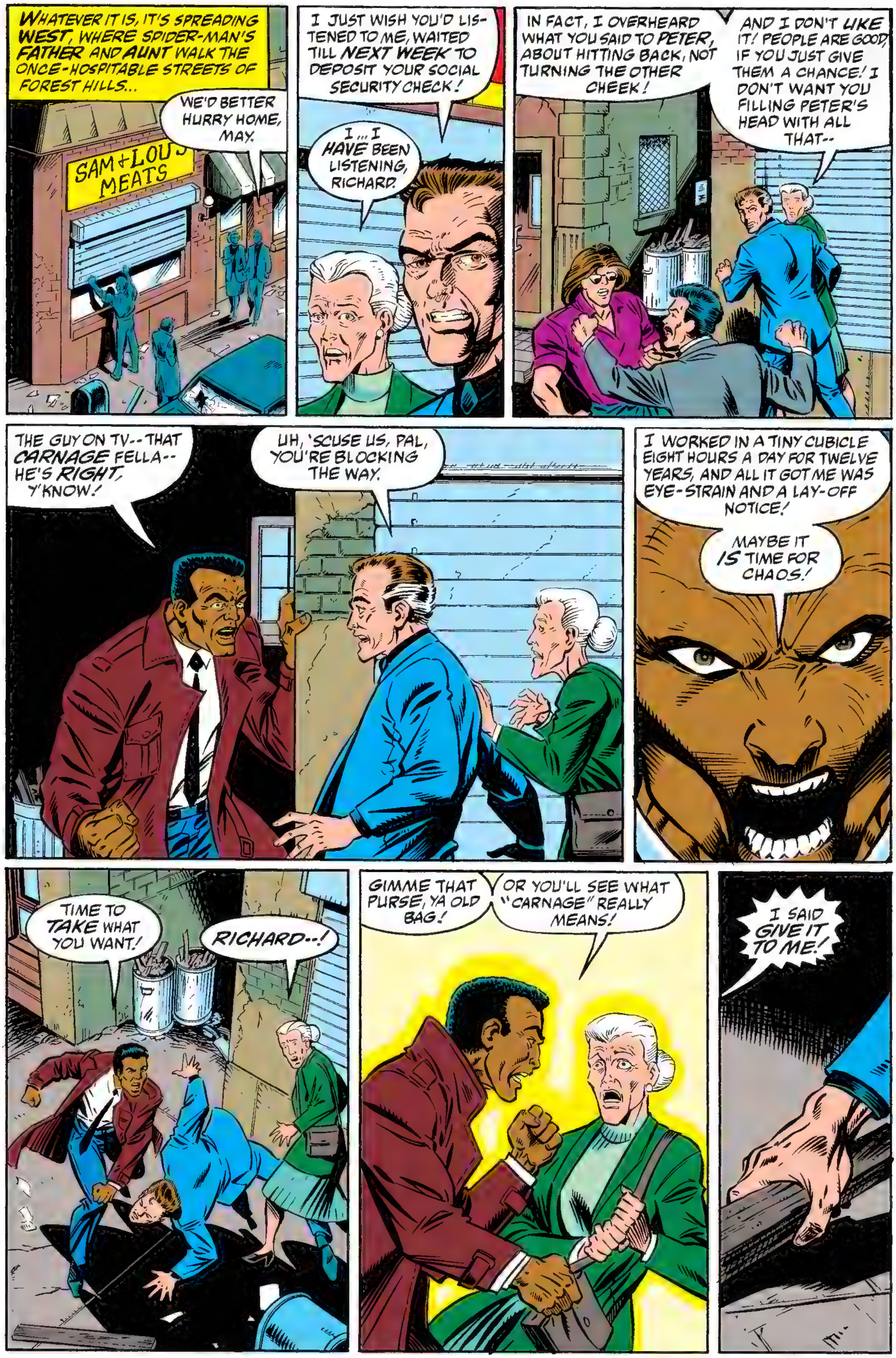
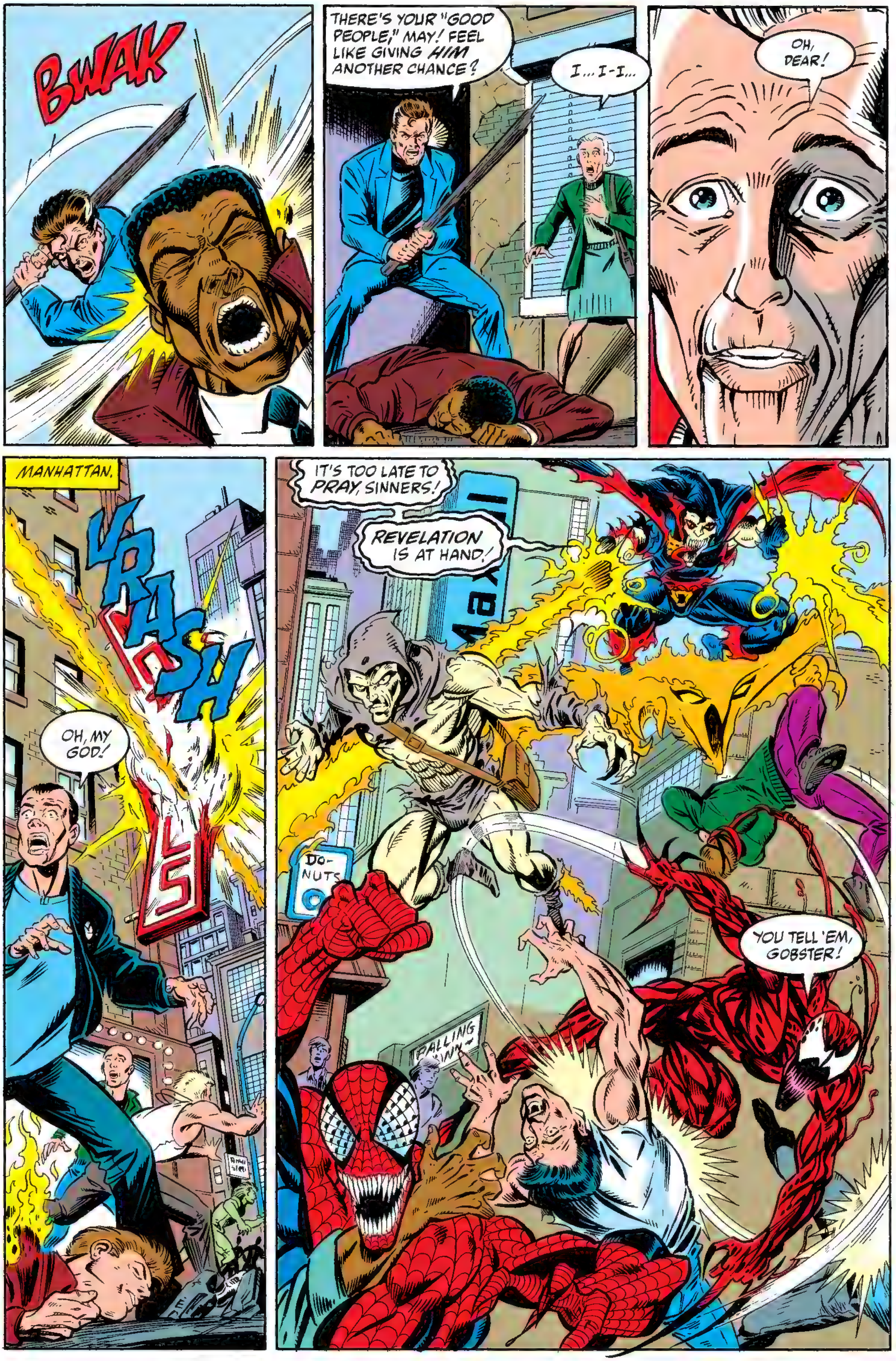
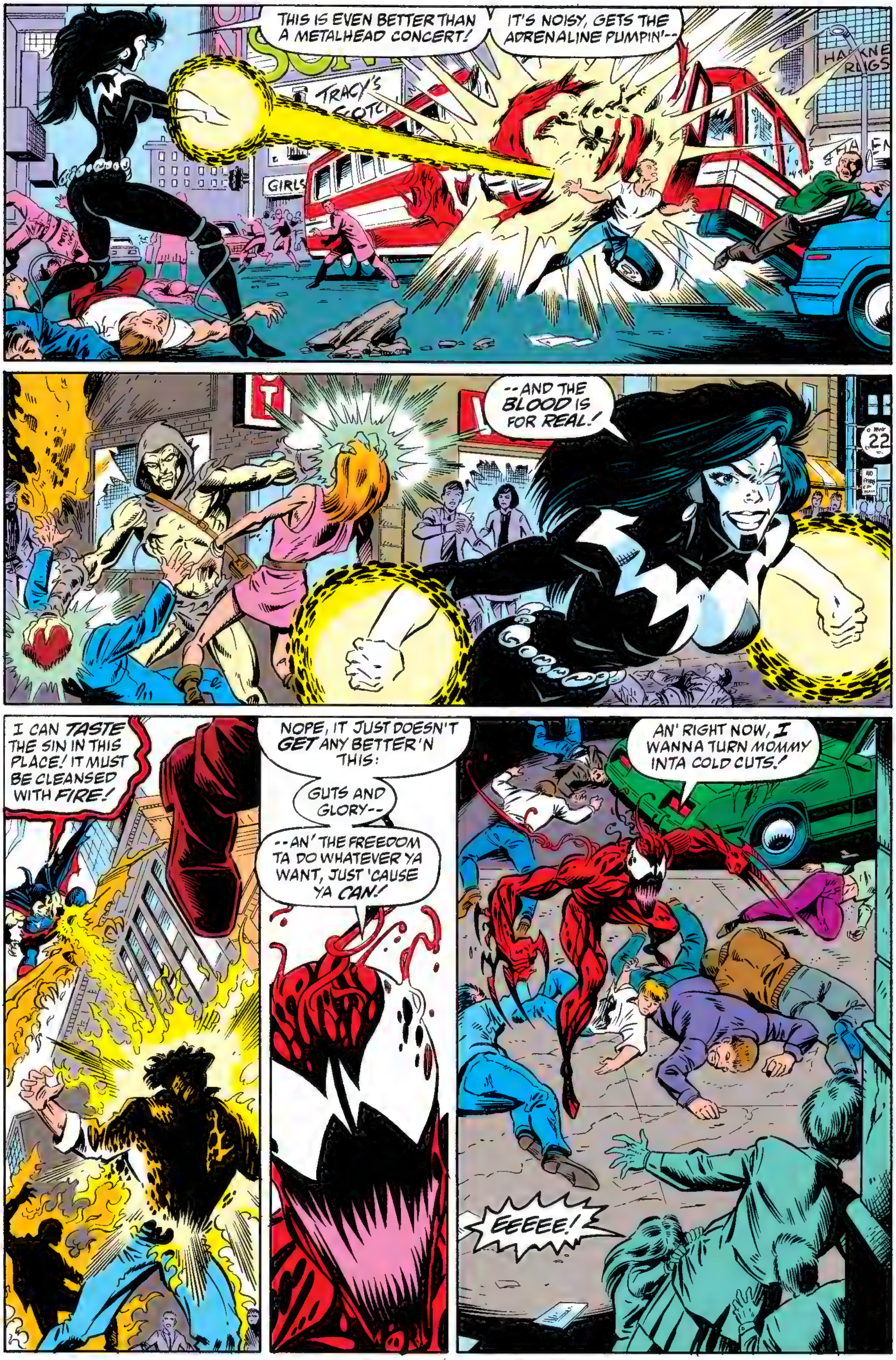
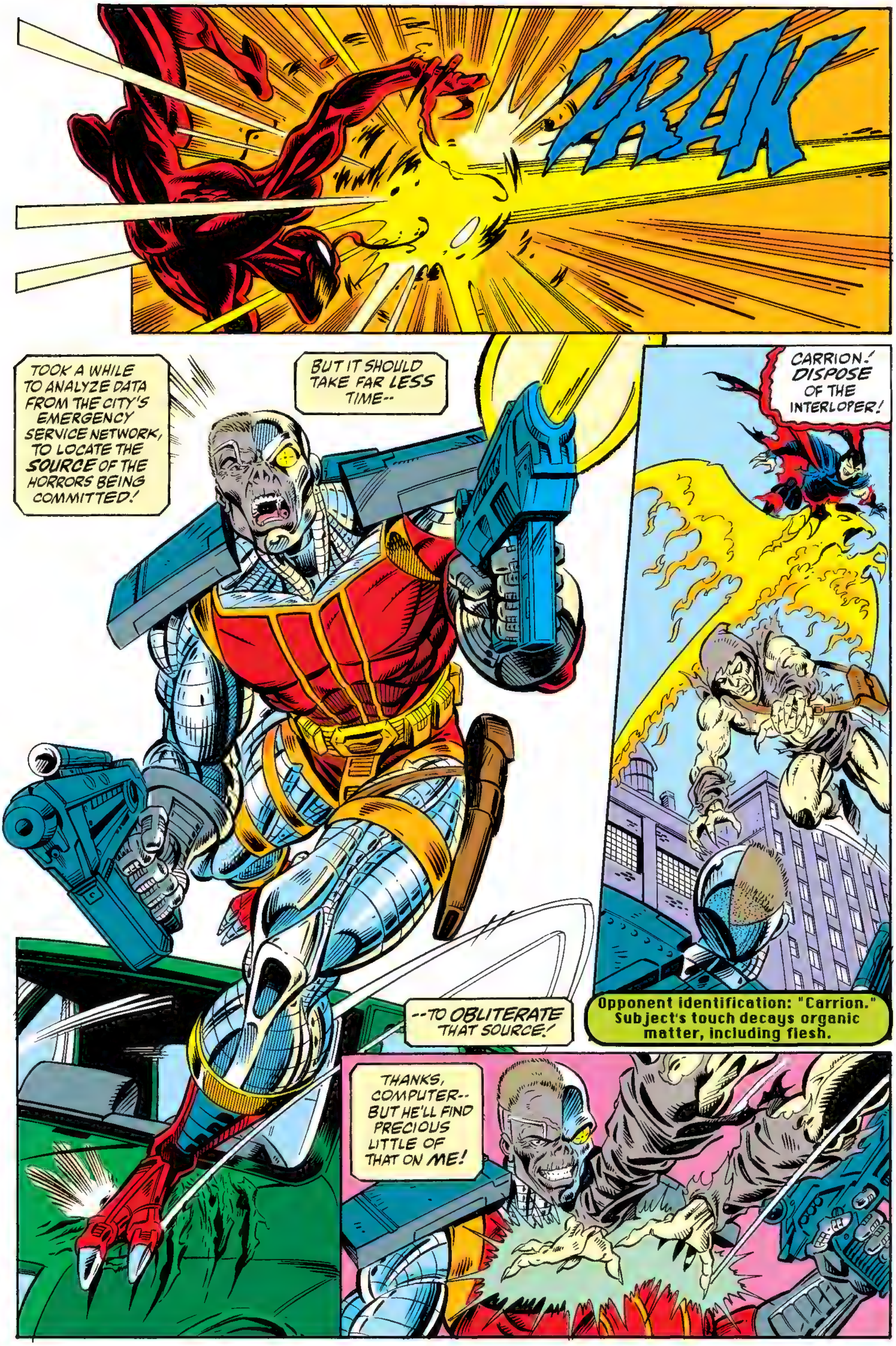

ELSEWHERE...
THERE'S FOUR FREEDOMS PLAZA, HEADQUARTERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
IT WAS DAMAGED IN AN EXPLOSION,* BUT THE SECURITY SYSTEMS SHOULD STILL BE ACTIVE! WE'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHEN--
EEEK!
* SEE INFINITY WAR #2. --Danny
A CAR-JACKING?
THAT'S SMALL-TIME! I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO--
-- WHAT AM I SAYING?!
I CAN'T PICK AND CHOOSE WHO DESERVES TO BE SAVED!
JUST BECAUSE I'M WORKING WITH VENOM DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO START THINKING LIKE--
GET AWAY! I WON'T LET YOU TAKE MY CAR, EITHER!
HUH? I-IS EVERYONE GOING NUTS?!
THANKS, POPS!
NOW KEEP 'IM BUSY WHILE I SQUEEZE OFF A COUPLE O'--

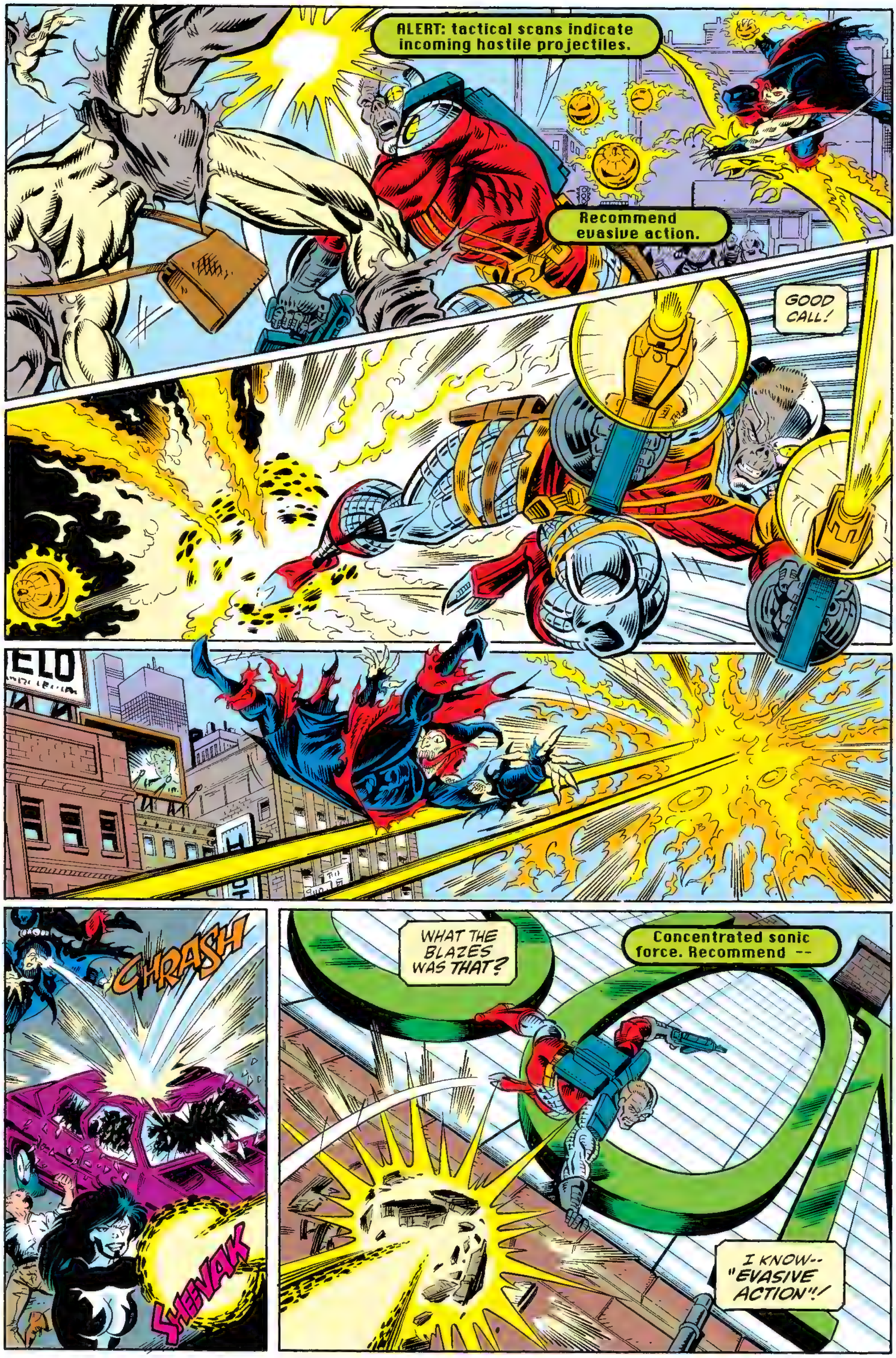

CHOK
--YYAAAGH!
YOU'RE GETTING *CARELESS*, SPIDER!
JUST *CONFIDENT!* MY SPIDER-SENSE WOULD'VE WARNED ME WHEN HE STARTED PULLING THE TRIGGER!
YOU'RE GETTING *SOFT-HEARTED*, TOO! HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU THINK CARNAGE *BUTCHERED* WHILE YOU STOPPED TO PLAY TRAFFIC COP?
OOOO, AREN'T *YOU* THE SASSY PUSSYCAT! WE'RE ALMOST SORRY WE BROKE YOUR NOSE ONCE!
ALMOST...!
NOW LET'S GO! WE HAVE WORK TO DO!
THIS IS GETTING SPOOKY! THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING MORE THAN *MOB MENTALITY* THAT'S MAKING PEOPLE LASH OUT AT EACH OTHER SO!
BUT... WHAT *IS* IT?

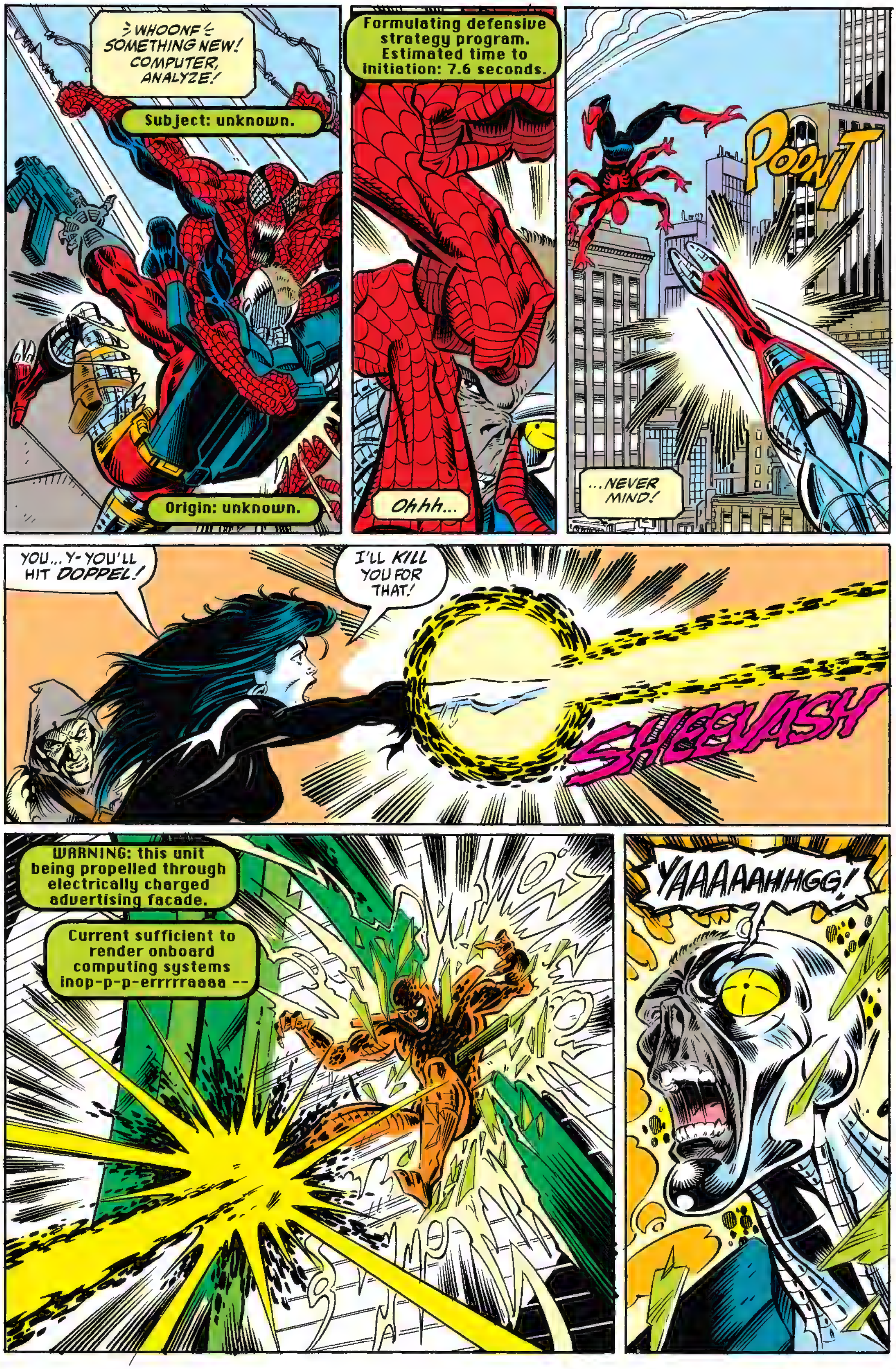

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S SPREADING WEST, WHERE SPIDER-MAN'S FATHER AND AUNT WALK THE ONCE-HOSPITABLE STREETS OF FOREST HILLS...
SAM + LOU'S MEATS
WE'D BETTER HURRY HOME, MAY.
I JUST WISH YOU'D LISTENED TO ME, WAITED TILL NEXT WEEK TO DEPOSIT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK!
I... I HAVE BEEN LISTENING, RICHARD.
IN FACT, I OVERHEARD WHAT YOU SAID TO PETER, ABOUT HITTING BACK, NOT TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK!
AND I DON'T LIKE IT! PEOPLE ARE GOOD, IF YOU JUST GIVE THEM A CHANCE! I DON'T WANT YOU FILLING PETER'S HEAD WITH ALL THAT--
THE GUY ON TV--THAT CARNAGE FELLA--HE'S RIGHT, Y'KNOW!
UH, 'SCUSE US, PAL, YOU'RE BLOCKING THE WAY.
I WORKED IN A TINY CUBICLE EIGHT HOURS A DAY FOR TWELVE YEARS, AND ALL IT GOT ME WAS EYE-STRAIN AND A LAY-OFF NOTICE!
MAYBE IT IS TIME FOR CHAOS!
TIME TO TAKE WHAT YOU WANT!
RICHARD--!
GIMME THAT PURSE, YA OLD BAG!
OR YOU'LL SEE WHAT "CARNAGE" REALLY MEANS!
I SAID GIVE IT TO ME!

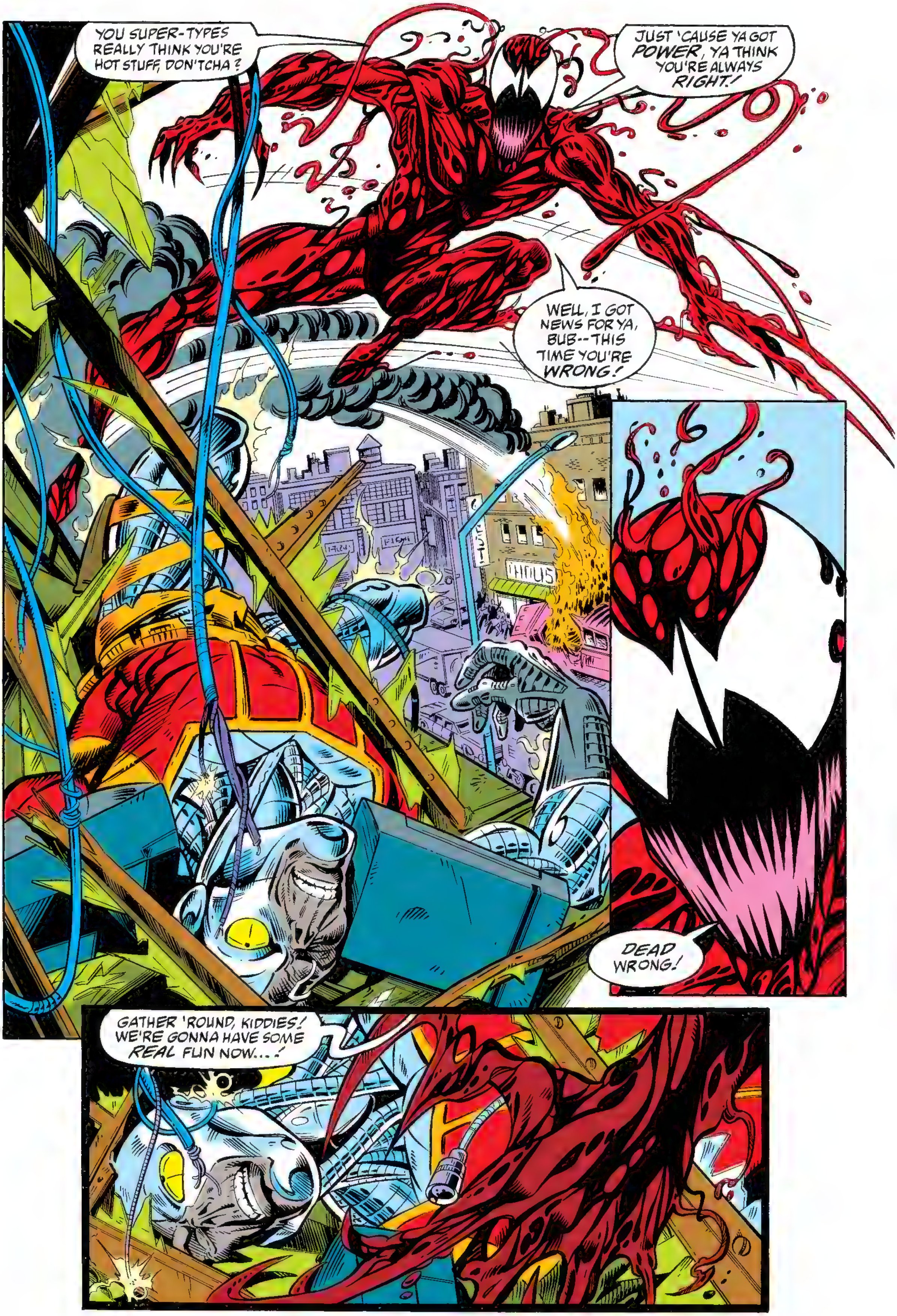

BWAK
THERE'S YOUR "GOOD PEOPLE," MAY! FEEL LIKE GIVING *HIM* ANOTHER CHANCE?
I... I-I...
OH, DEAR!
MANHATTAN.
VRASH
OH, MY GOD!
IT'S TOO LATE TO *PRAY*, SINNERS!
REVELATION IS AT HAND!
DO-NUTS
FALLING
YOU TELL 'EM, GOBSTER!

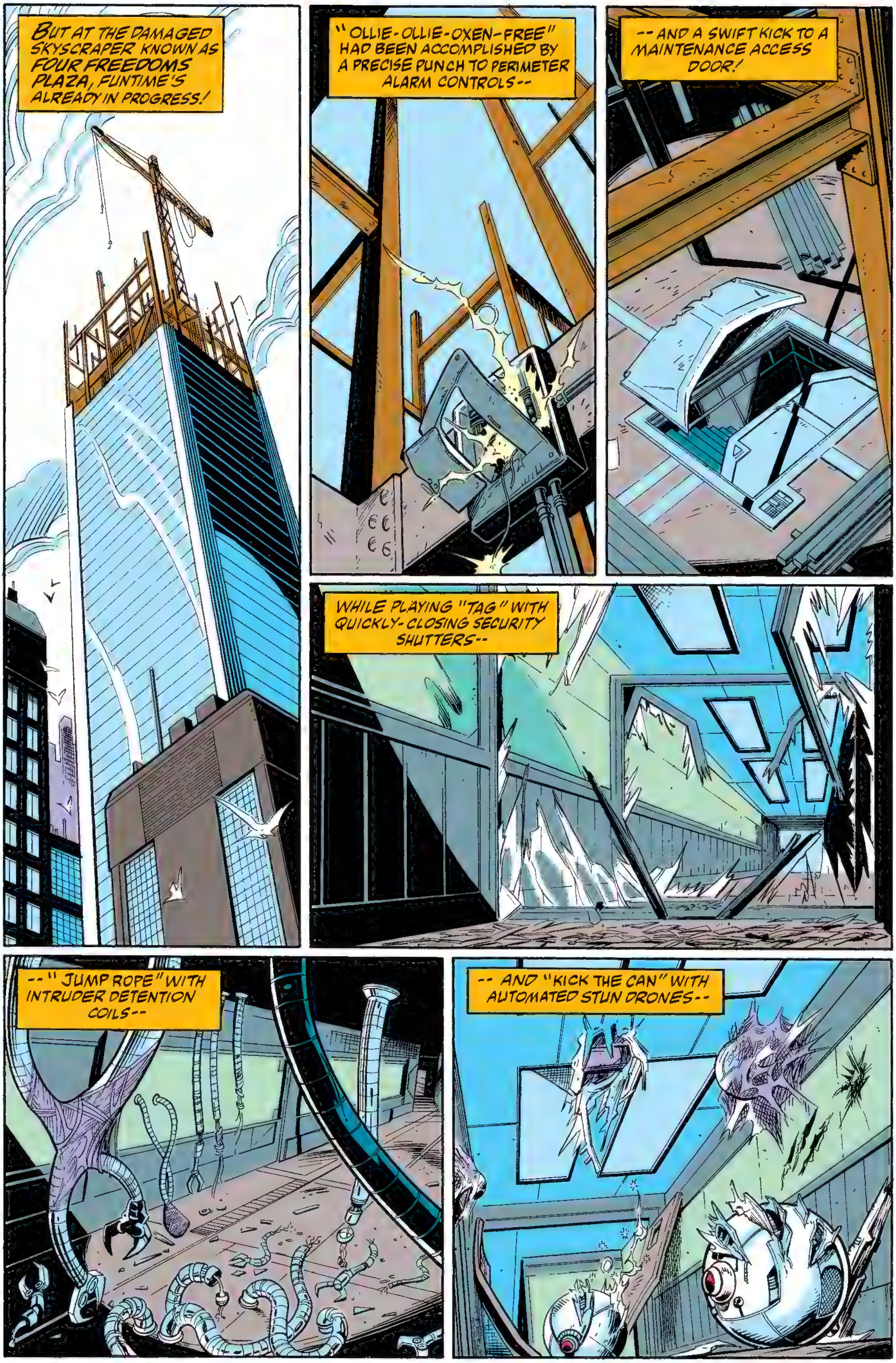

THIS IS EVEN BETTER THAN A METALHEAD CONCERT!
IT'S NOISY, GETS THE ADRENALINE PUMPIN'--
TRACY'S SCOTC
GIRLS
--AND THE *BLOOD* IS FOR *REAL!*
I CAN *TASTE* THE SIN IN THIS PLACE! IT MUST BE CLEANSED WITH *FIRE!*
NOPE, IT JUST DOESN'T *GET* ANY BETTER'N THIS:
GUTS AND GLORY--
--AN' THE FREEDOM TA DO WHATEVER YA WANT, JUST 'CAUSE YA *CAN!*
AN' RIGHT NOW, *I* WANNA TURN MOMMY INTA COLD CUTS!
EEEEE!

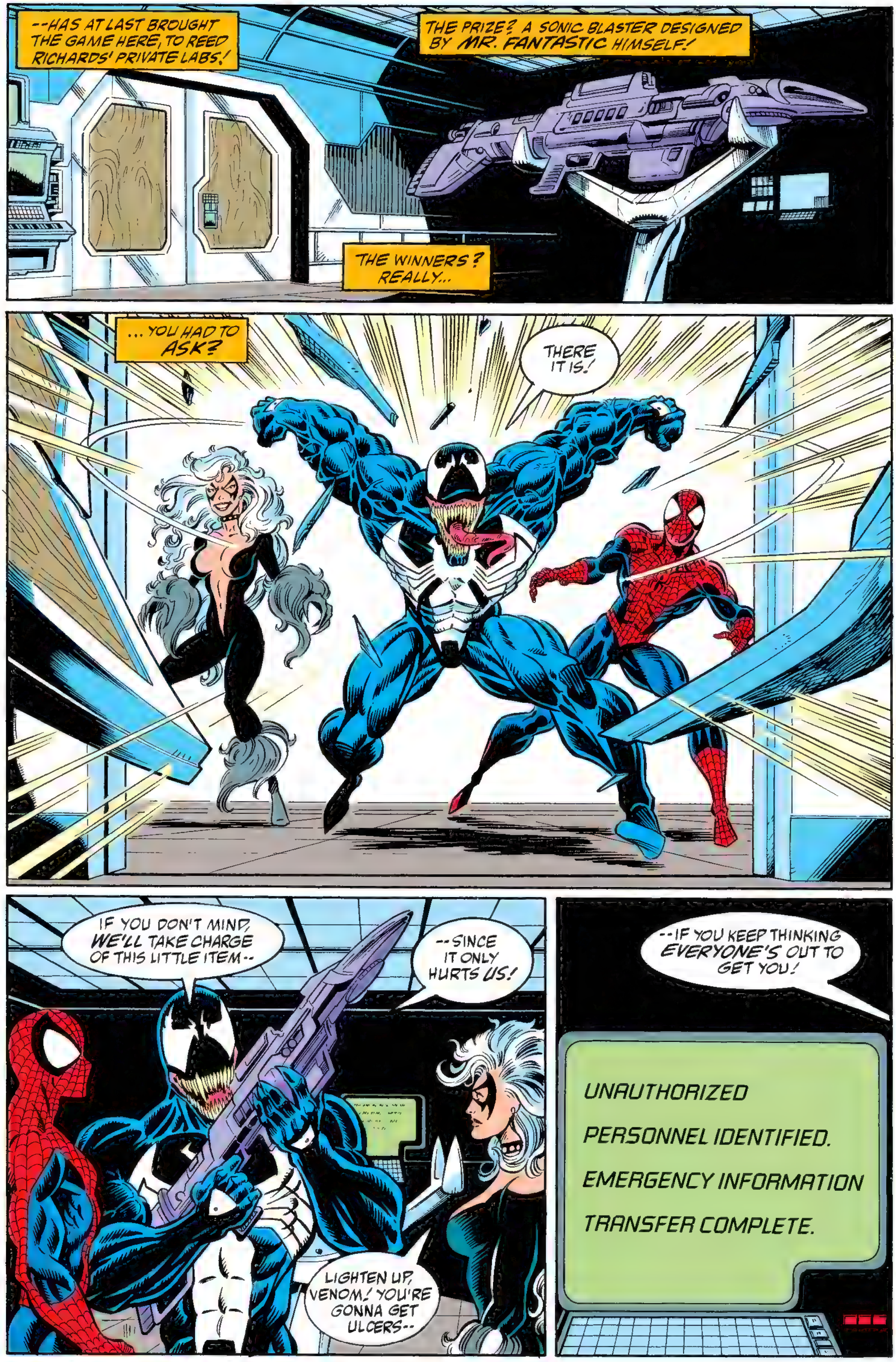

TRAK
TOOK A WHILE TO ANALYZE DATA FROM THE CITY'S EMERGENCY SERVICE NETWORK, TO LOCATE THE **SOURCE** OF THE HORRORS BEING COMMITTED!
BUT IT SHOULD TAKE FAR **LESS** TIME--
CARRION! **DISPOSE** OF THE INTERLOPER!
--TO **OBLITERATE** THAT SOURCE!
Opponent identification: "Carrion." Subject's touch decays organic matter, including flesh.
THANKS, COMPUTER-- BUT HE'LL FIND PRECIOUS LITTLE OF THAT ON **ME**!

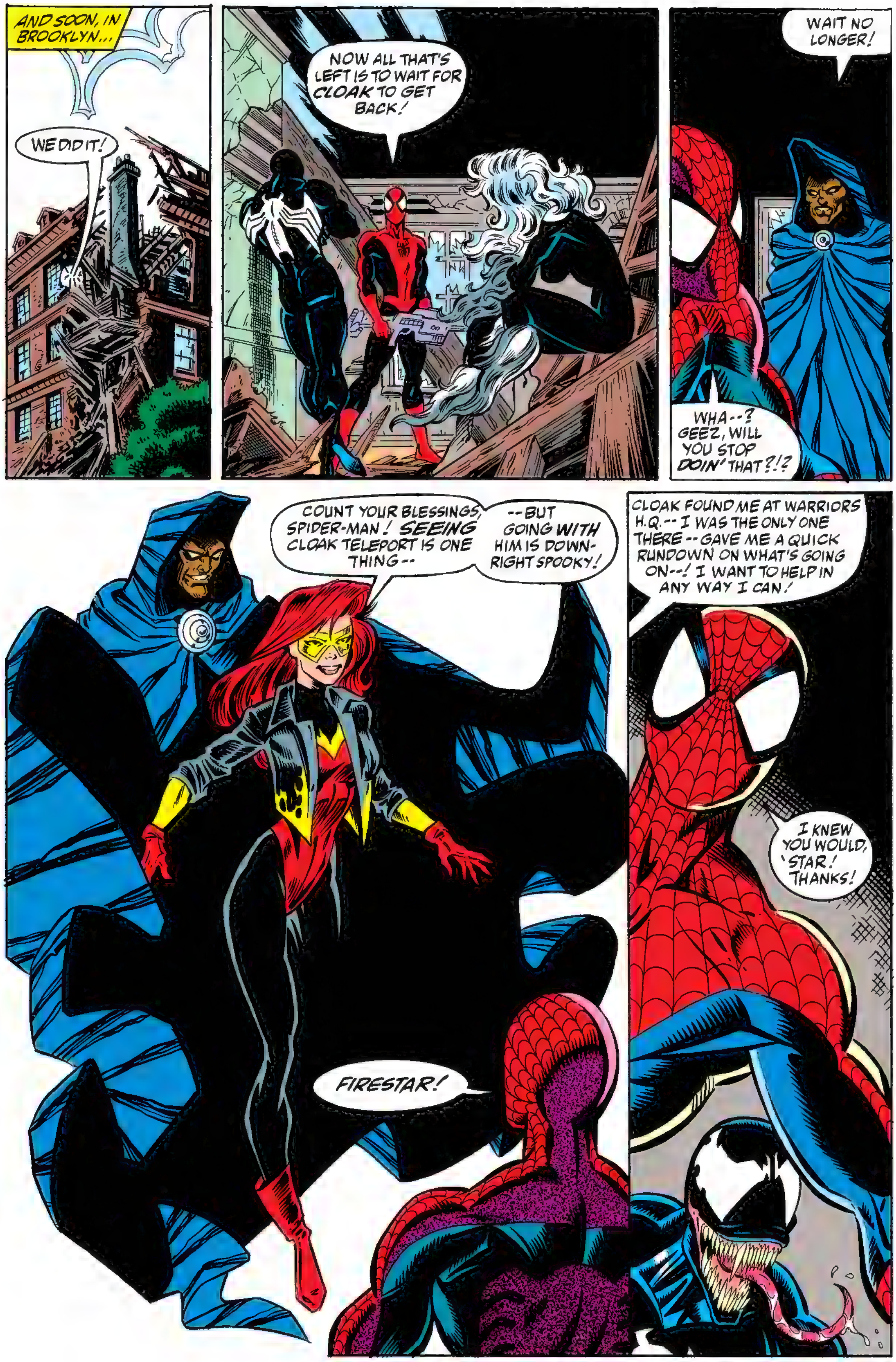

ALERT: tactical scans indicate incoming hostile projectiles.
Recommend evasive action.
GOOD CALL!
ELO
CHRASH
SHEENAK
WHAT THE BLAZES WAS *THAT?*
Concentrated sonic force. Recommend --
I KNOW-- "*EVASIVE ACTION*"!

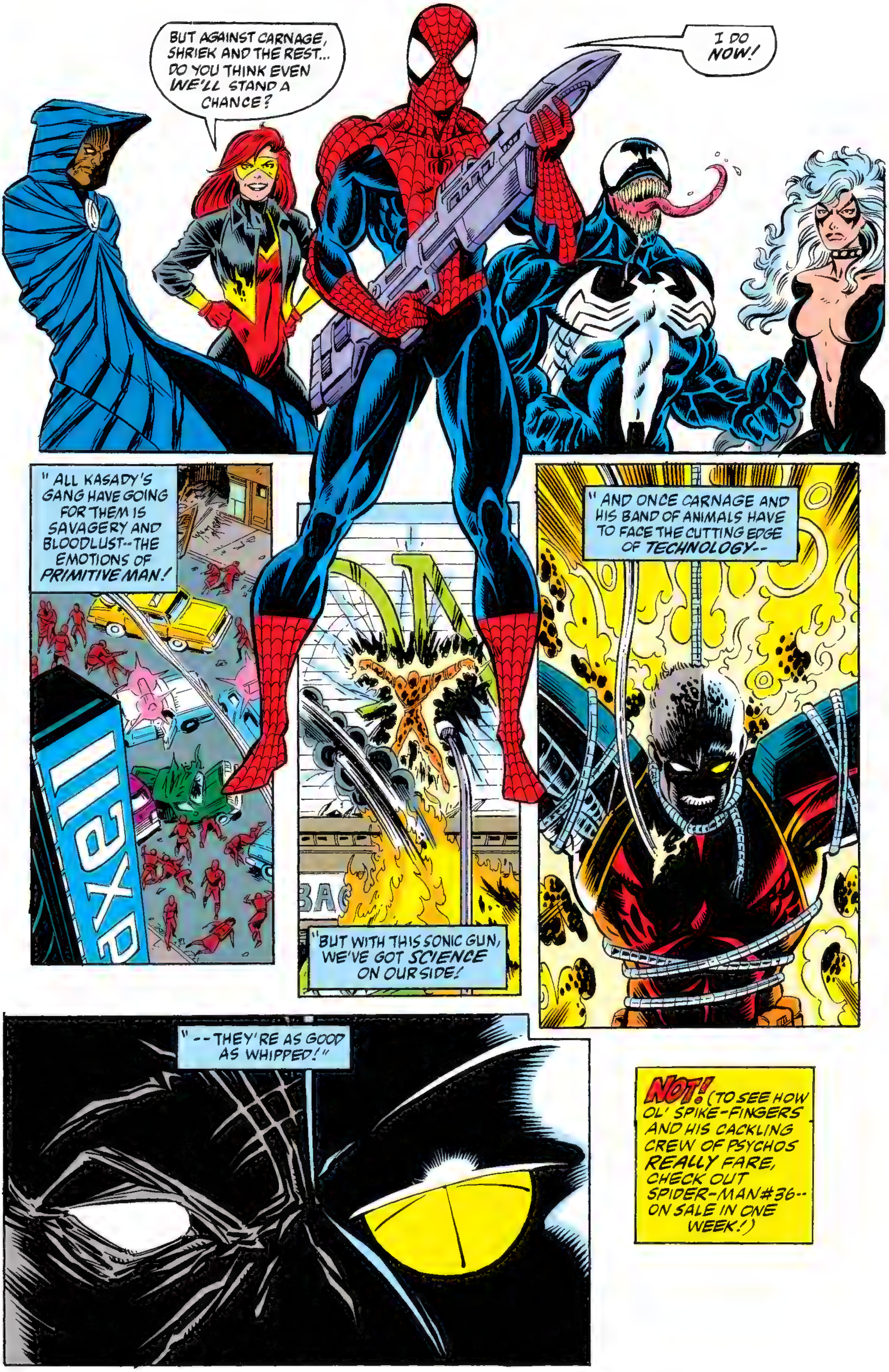

≷WHOONF≶ SOMETHING NEW! COMPUTER, ANALYZE!
Subject: unknown.
Origin: unknown.
Formulating defensive strategy program. Estimated time to initiation: 7.6 seconds.
Ohhh...
POONT
...NEVER MIND!
YOU... Y- YOU'LL HIT DOPPEL!
I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT!
SHEEVASH
WARNING: this unit being propelled through electrically charged advertising facade.
Current sufficient to render onboard computing systems inop-p-p-errrrraaaa --
YAAAAAHHGG!

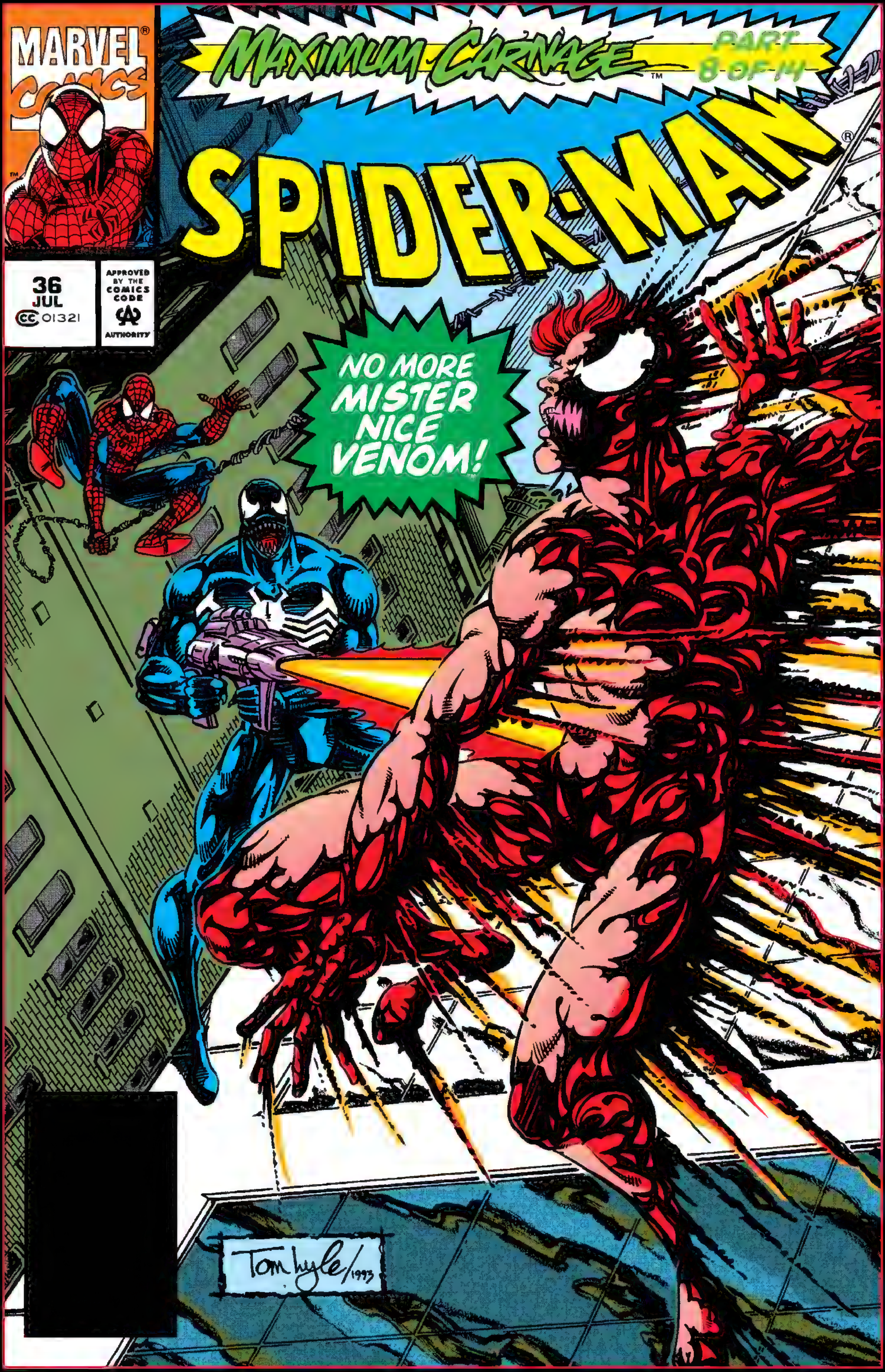

YOU SUPER-TYPES REALLY THINK YOU'RE HOT STUFF, DON'TCHA?
JUST 'CAUSE YA GOT *POWER*, YA THINK YOU'RE ALWAYS *RIGHT!*
WELL, I GOT NEWS FOR YA, BUB--THIS TIME YOU'RE *WRONG!*
DEAD WRONG!
GATHER 'ROUND, KIDDIES! WE'RE GONNA HAVE SOME *REAL* FUN NOW...!


BUT AT THE DAMAGED SKYSCRAPER KNOWN AS FOUR FREEDOMS PLAZA, FUNTIME'S ALREADY IN PROGRESS!
"OLLIE-OLLIE-OXEN-FREE" HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY A PRECISE PUNCH TO PERIMETER ALARM CONTROLS--
--AND A SWIFT KICK TO A MAINTENANCE ACCESS DOOR!
WHILE PLAYING "TAG" WITH QUICKLY-CLOSING SECURITY SHUTTERS--
--"JUMP ROPE" WITH INTRUDER DETENTION COILS--
--AND "KICK THE CAN" WITH AUTOMATED STUN DRONES--


--HAS AT LAST BROUGHT THE GAME HERE, TO REED RICHARDS' PRIVATE LABS!
THE PRIZE? A SONIC BLASTER DESIGNED BY MR. FANTASTIC HIMSELF!
THE WINNERS? REALLY...
...YOU HAD TO ASK?
THERE IT IS!
IF YOU DON'T MIND, WE'LL TAKE CHARGE OF THIS LITTLE ITEM--
--SINCE IT ONLY HURTS US!
LIGHTEN UP, VENOM! YOU'RE GONNA GET ULCERS--
--IF YOU KEEP THINKING EVERYONE'S OUT TO GET YOU!
UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED. EMERGENCY INFORMATION TRANSFER COMPLETE.


AND SOON, IN BROOKLYN...
WE DID IT!
NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO WAIT FOR *CLOAK* TO GET BACK!
WAIT NO LONGER!
WHA--? GEEZ, WILL YOU STOP *DOIN'* THAT?!?
COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, SPIDER-MAN! *SEEING* CLOAK TELEPORT IS ONE THING--
--BUT GOING *WITH* HIM IS DOWN-RIGHT SPOOKY!
CLOAK FOUND ME AT WARRIORS H.Q.-- I WAS THE ONLY ONE THERE -- GAVE ME A QUICK RUNDOWN ON WHAT'S GOING ON--! I WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN!
I KNEW YOU WOULD, 'STAR! THANKS!
FIRESTAR!


BUT AGAINST CARNAGE, SHRIEK AND THE REST... DO YOU THINK EVEN *WE'LL* STAND A CHANCE?
I DO *NOW!*
"ALL KASADY'S GANG HAVE GOING FOR THEM IS SAVAGERY AND BLOODLUST--THE EMOTIONS OF *PRIMITIVE MAN!*
"BUT WITH THIS SONIC GUN, WE'VE GOT *SCIENCE* ON OUR SIDE!
"AND ONCE CARNAGE AND HIS BAND OF ANIMALS HAVE TO FACE THE CUTTING EDGE OF *TECHNOLOGY*--
"--THEY'RE AS GOOD AS WHIPPED!"
NOT! (TO SEE HOW OL' SPIKE-FINGERS AND HIS CACKLING CREW OF PSYCHOS *REALLY* FARE, CHECK OUT SPIDER-MAN #36--ON SALE IN ONE WEEK!)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NO MORE MISTER NICE VENOM!
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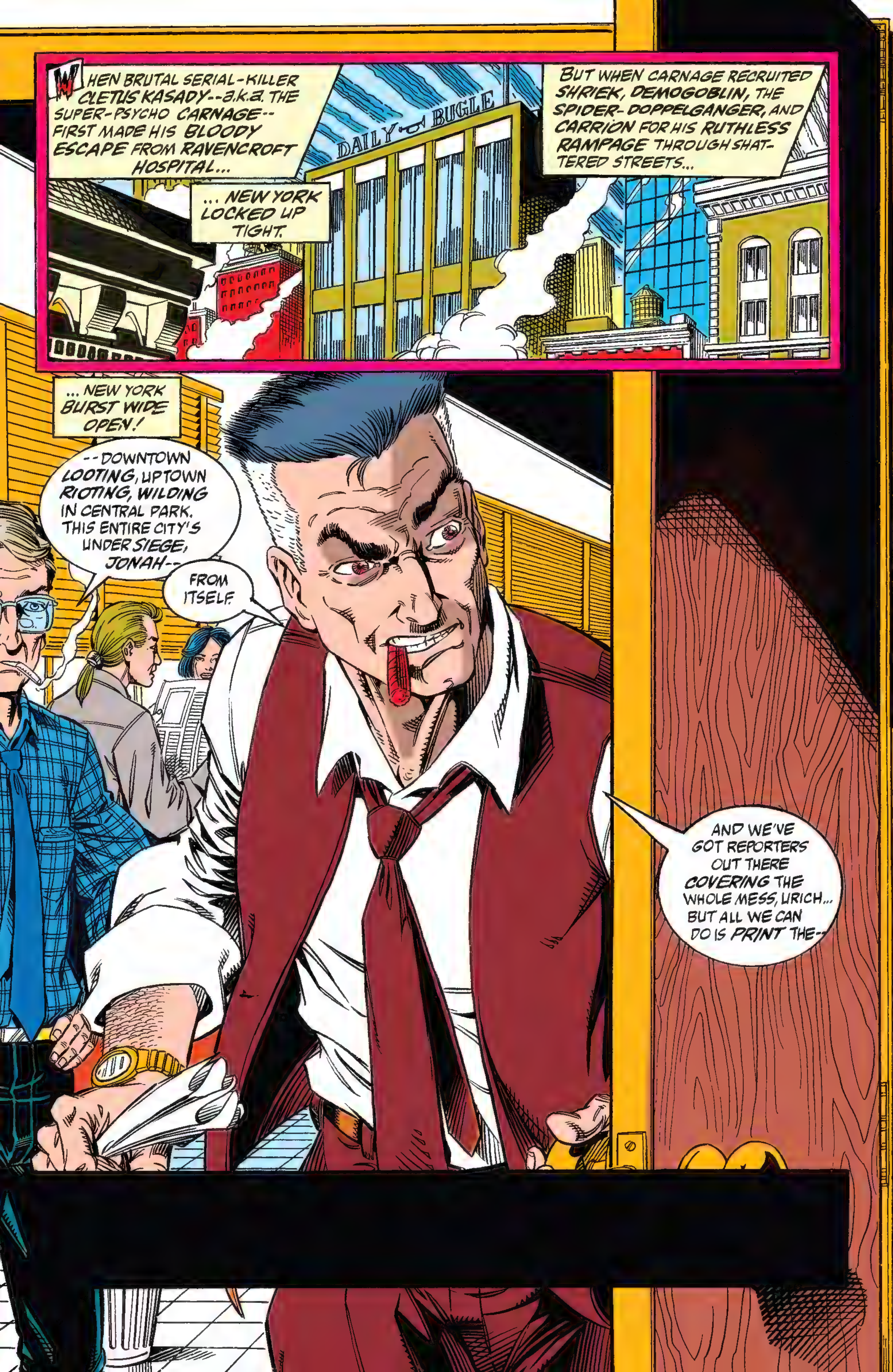
WHEN BRUTAL SERIAL-KILLER CLETUS KASADY--a.k.a. THE SUPER-PSYCHO CARNAGE--FIRST MADE HIS BLOODY ESCAPE FROM RAVENCROFT HOSPITAL...
DAILY BUGLE
...NEW YORK LOCKED UP TIGHT.
BUT WHEN CARNAGE RECRUITED SHRIEK, DEMOGOBLIN, THE SPIDER-DOPPELGANGER, AND CARRION FOR HIS RUTHLESS RAMPAGE THROUGH SHATTERED STREETS...
...NEW YORK BURST WIDE OPEN!
--DOWNTOWN LOOTING, UPTOWN RIOTING, WILDING IN CENTRAL PARK. THIS ENTIRE CITY'S UNDER SIEGE, JONAH--
FROM ITSELF.
AND WE'VE GOT REPORTERS OUT THERE COVERING THE WHOLE MESS, URICH... BUT ALL WE CAN DO IS PRINT THE--

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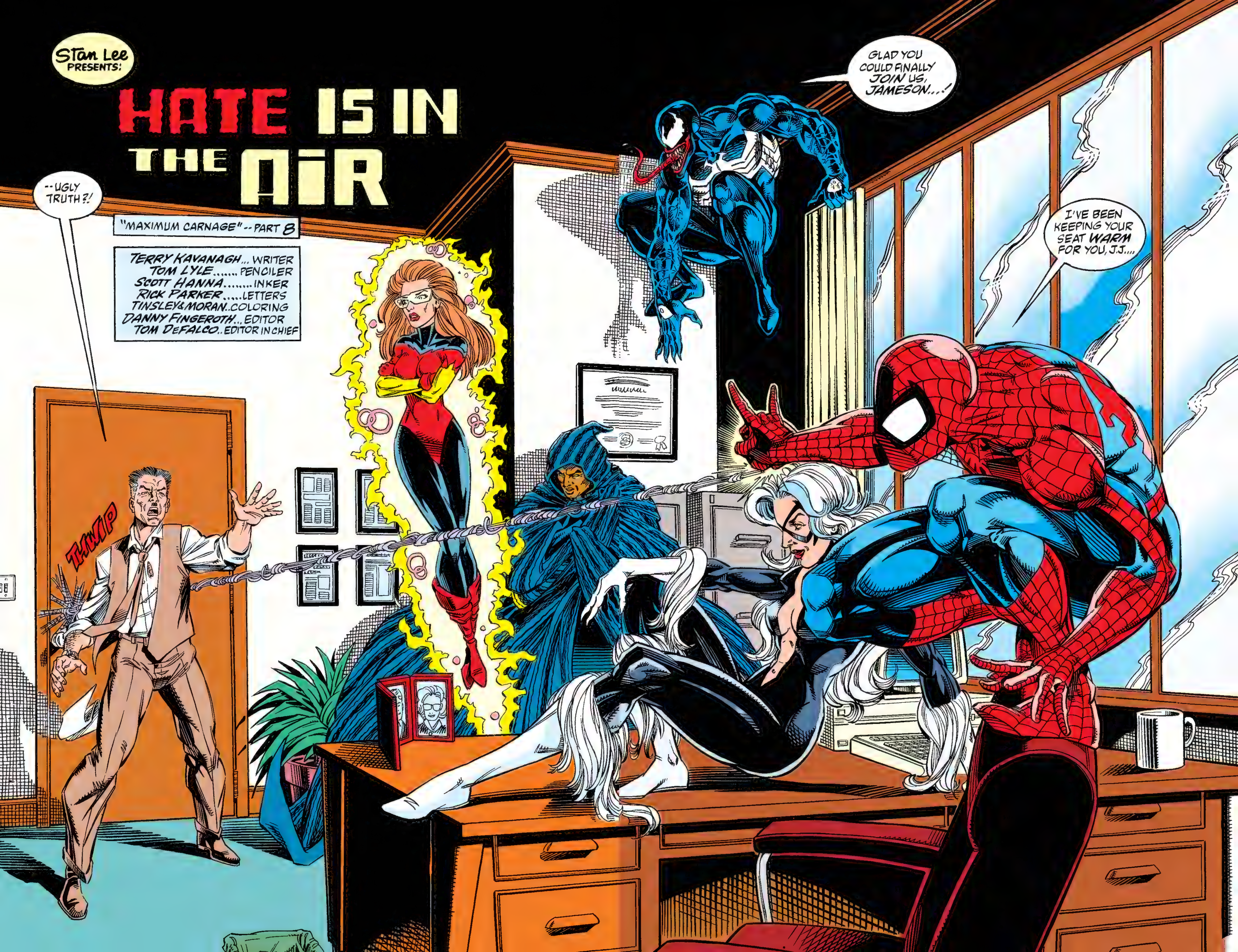
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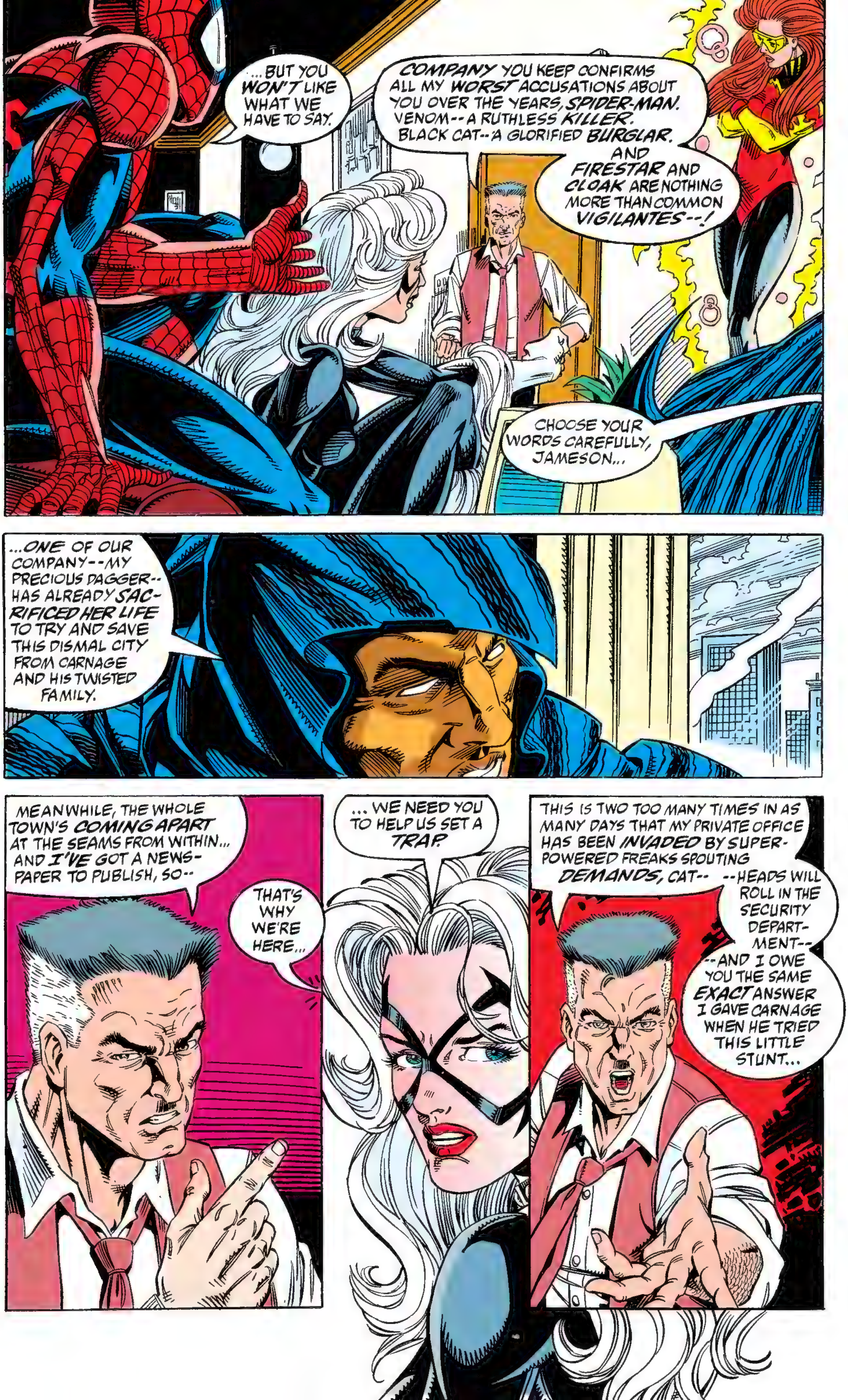
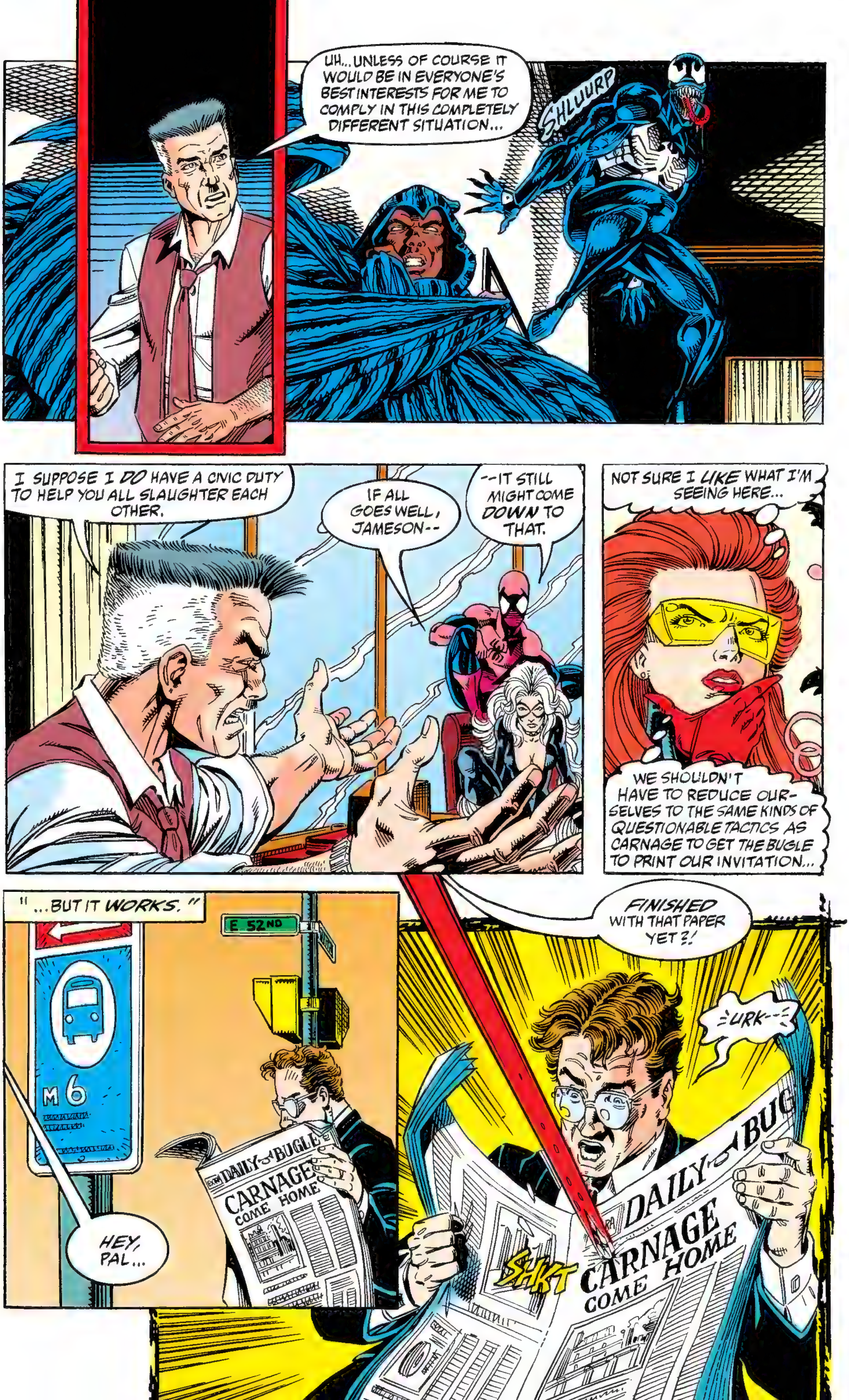
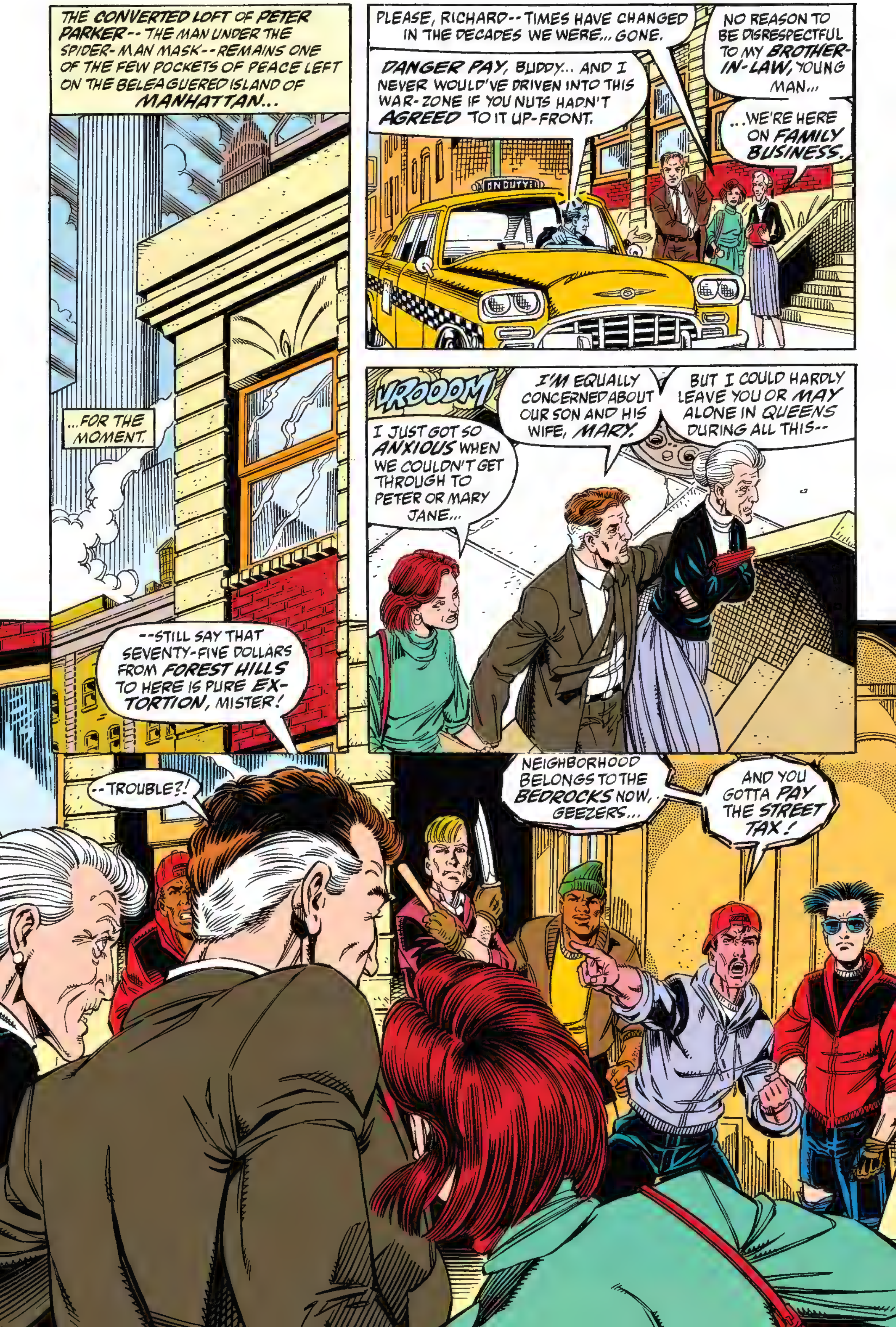
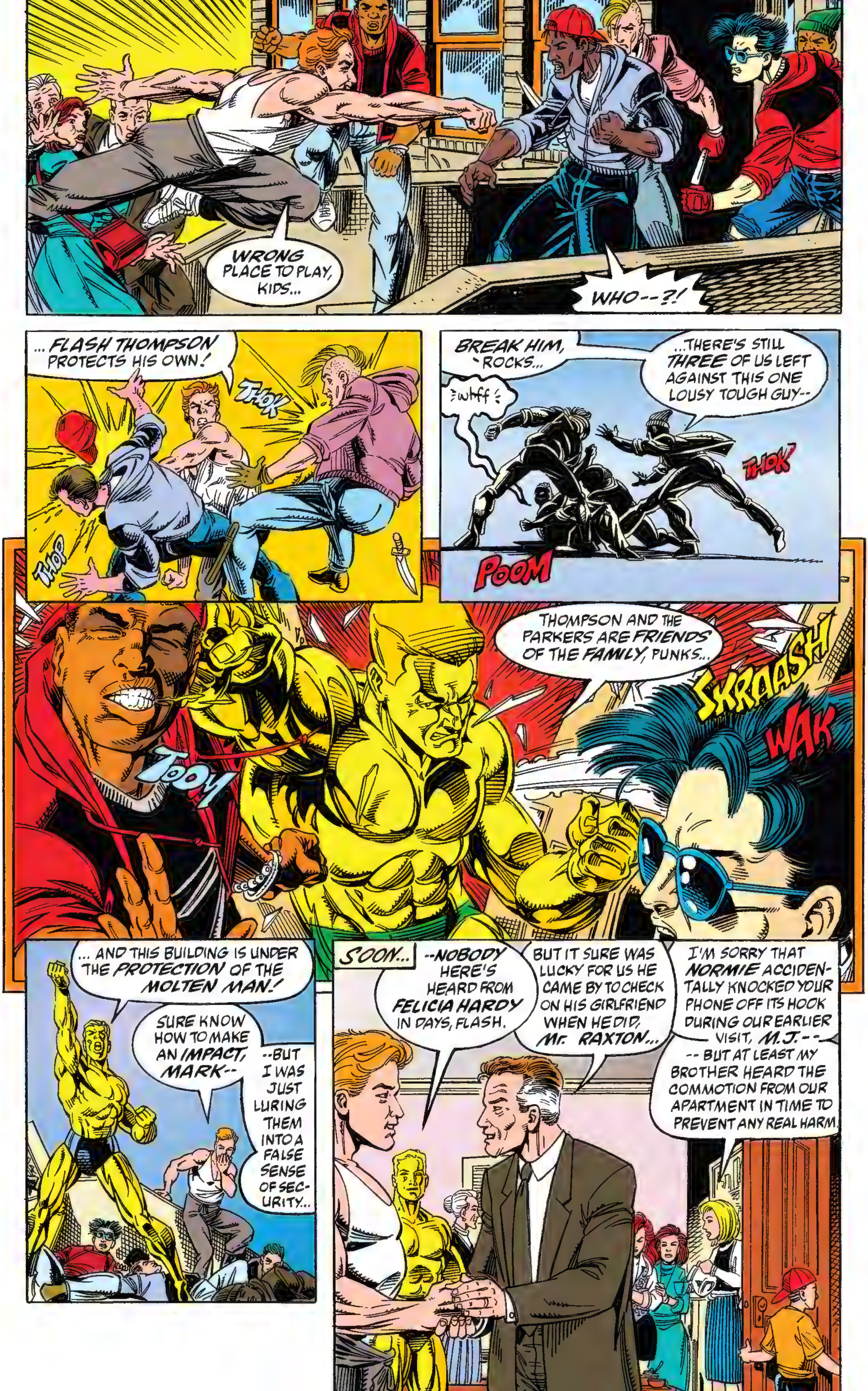
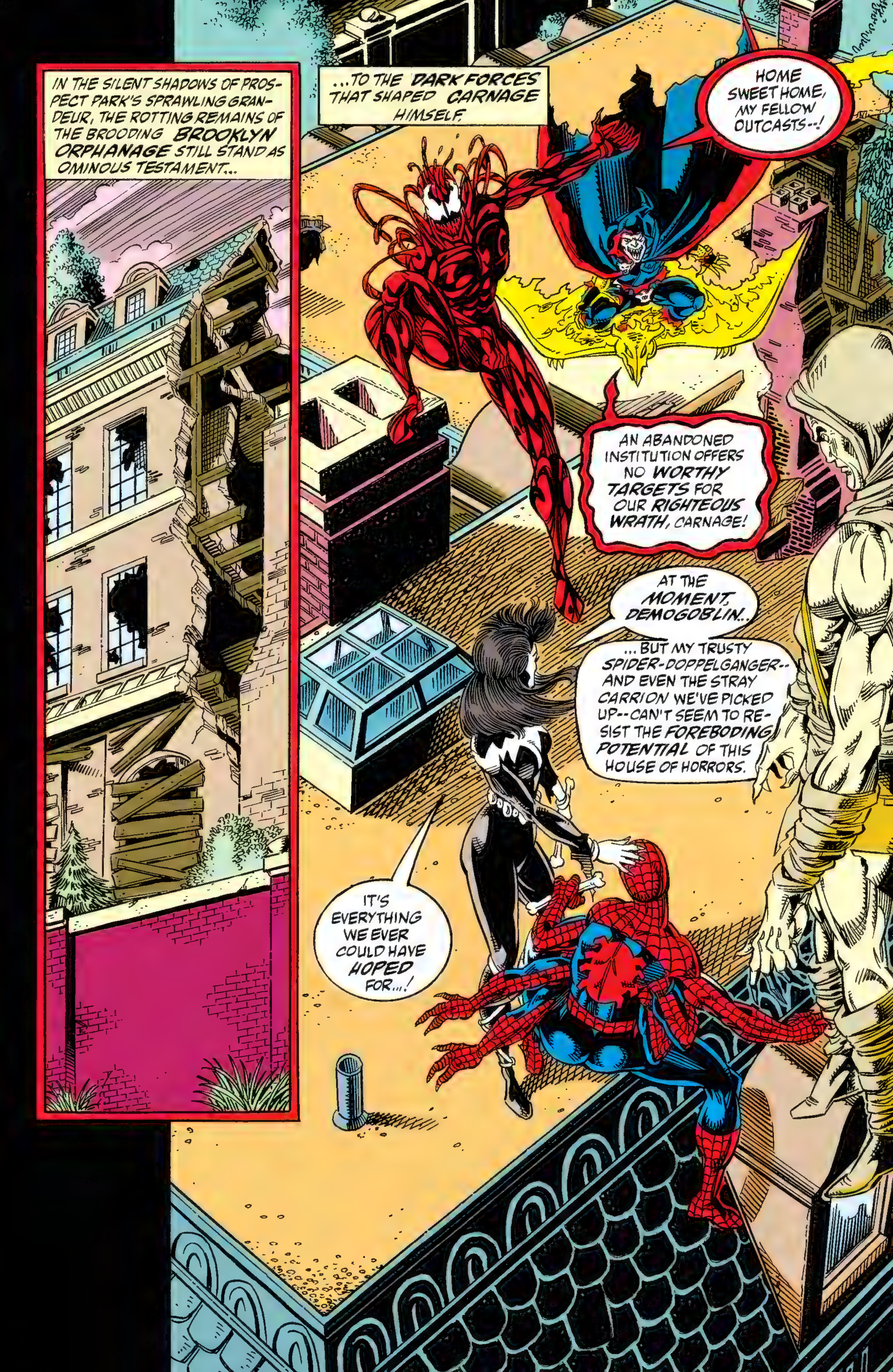
--UGLY TRUTH?!
THWIP
GLAD YOU COULD FINALLY JOIN US, JAMESON...!
I'VE BEEN KEEPING YOUR SEAT WARM FOR YOU, J.J....

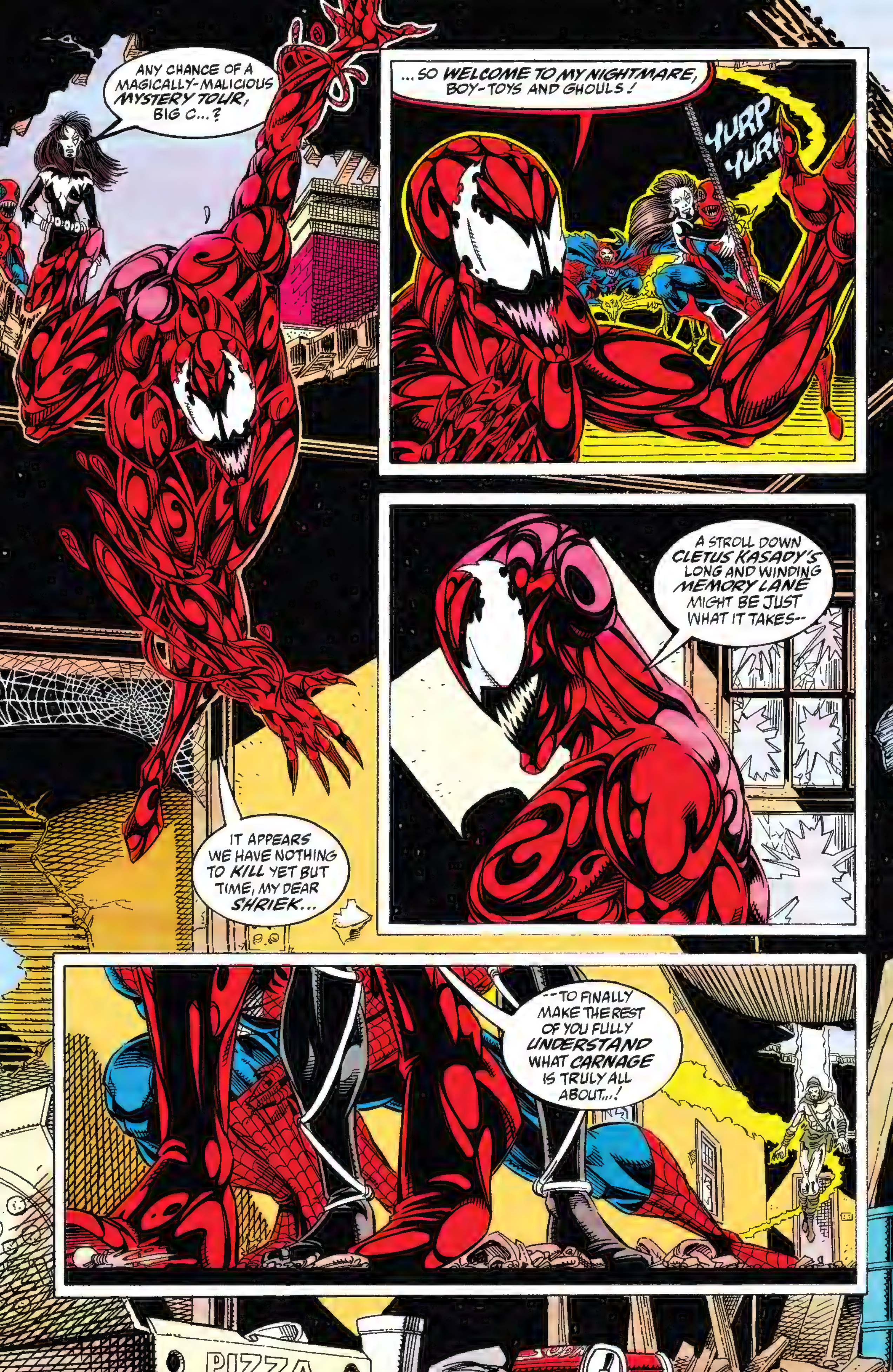

...BUT YOU *WON'T* LIKE WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY.
COMPANY YOU KEEP CONFIRMS ALL MY *WORST* ACCUSATIONS ABOUT YOU OVER THE YEARS, *SPIDER-MAN*. VENOM--A RUTHLESS *KILLER*. BLACK CAT--A GLORIFIED *BURGLAR*.
AND *FIRESTAR* AND *CLOAK* ARE NOTHING MORE THAN COMMON *VIGILANTES*--!
CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY, JAMESON...
...*ONE* OF OUR COMPANY--MY PRECIOUS DAGGER--HAS ALREADY *SACRIFICED HER LIFE* TO TRY AND SAVE THIS DISMAL CITY FROM CARNAGE AND HIS TWISTED FAMILY.
MEANWHILE, THE WHOLE TOWN'S *COMING APART* AT THE SEAMS FROM WITHIN... AND *I'VE* GOT A NEWSPAPER TO PUBLISH, SO--
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE...
...WE NEED YOU TO HELP US SET A *TRAP*.
THIS IS TWO TOO MANY TIMES IN AS MANY DAYS THAT MY PRIVATE OFFICE HAS BEEN *INVADED* BY SUPER-POWERED FREAKS SPOUTING *DEMANDS*, CAT--
--HEADS WILL ROLL IN THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT--
--AND I OWE YOU THE SAME *EXACT* ANSWER I GAVE CARNAGE WHEN HE TRIED THIS LITTLE STUNT...

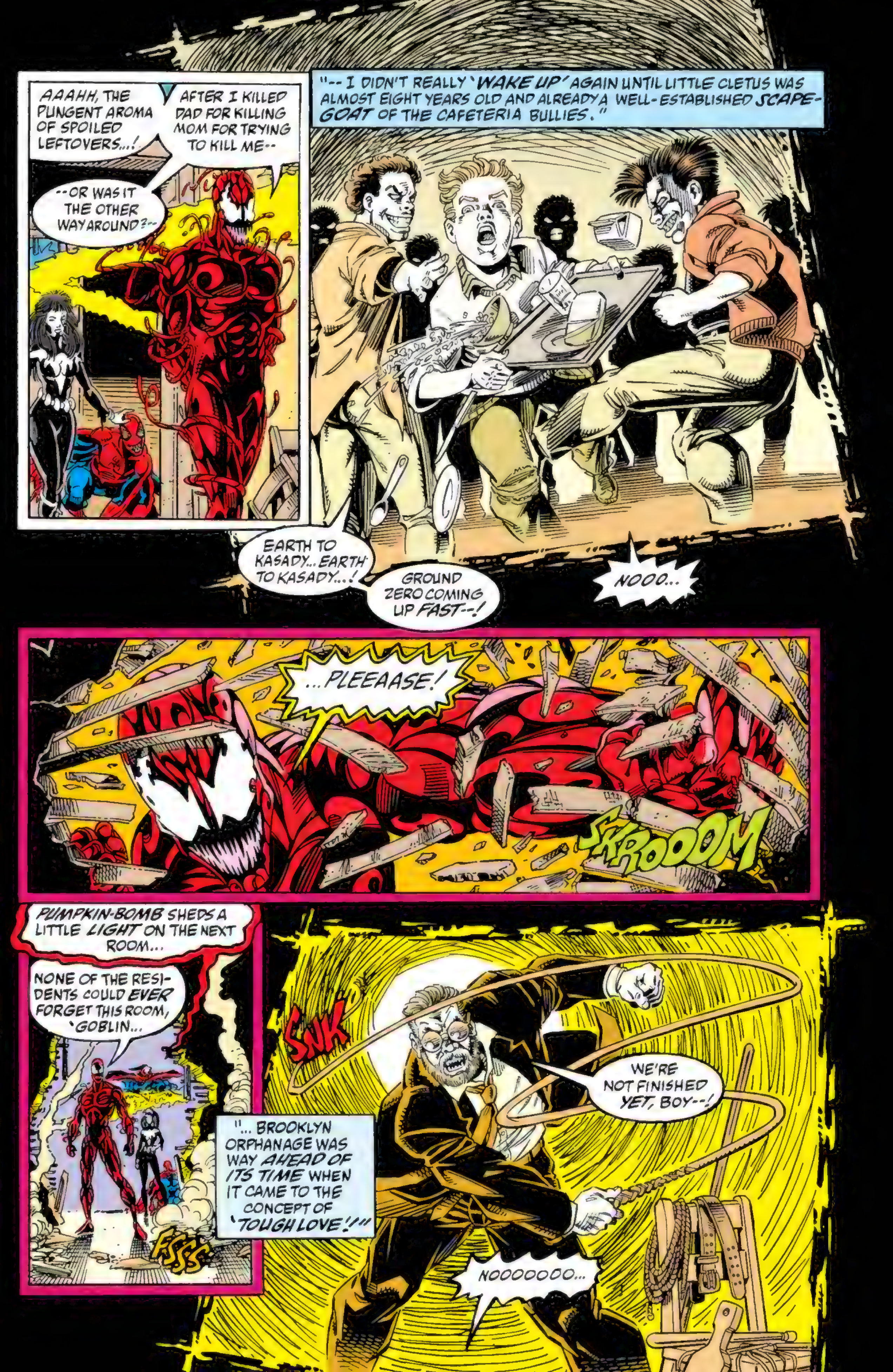

UH... UNLESS OF COURSE IT WOULD BE IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTERESTS FOR ME TO COMPLY IN THIS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SITUATION...
SHLUURP
I SUPPOSE I *DO* HAVE A CIVIC DUTY TO HELP YOU ALL SLAUGHTER EACH OTHER.
IF ALL GOES WELL, JAMESON--
--IT STILL MIGHT COME *DOWN* TO THAT.
NOT SURE I *LIKE* WHAT I'M SEEING HERE...
WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO REDUCE OURSELVES TO THE SAME KINDS OF QUESTIONABLE TACTICS AS CARNAGE TO GET THE BUGLE TO PRINT OUR INVITATION...
"...BUT IT *WORKS.*"
E 52ND
M 6
DAILY BUGLE
CARNAGE COME HOME
HEY, PAL...
FINISHED WITH THAT PAPER YET?!
URK--
SHKT
DAILY BUGLE
CARNAGE COME HOME

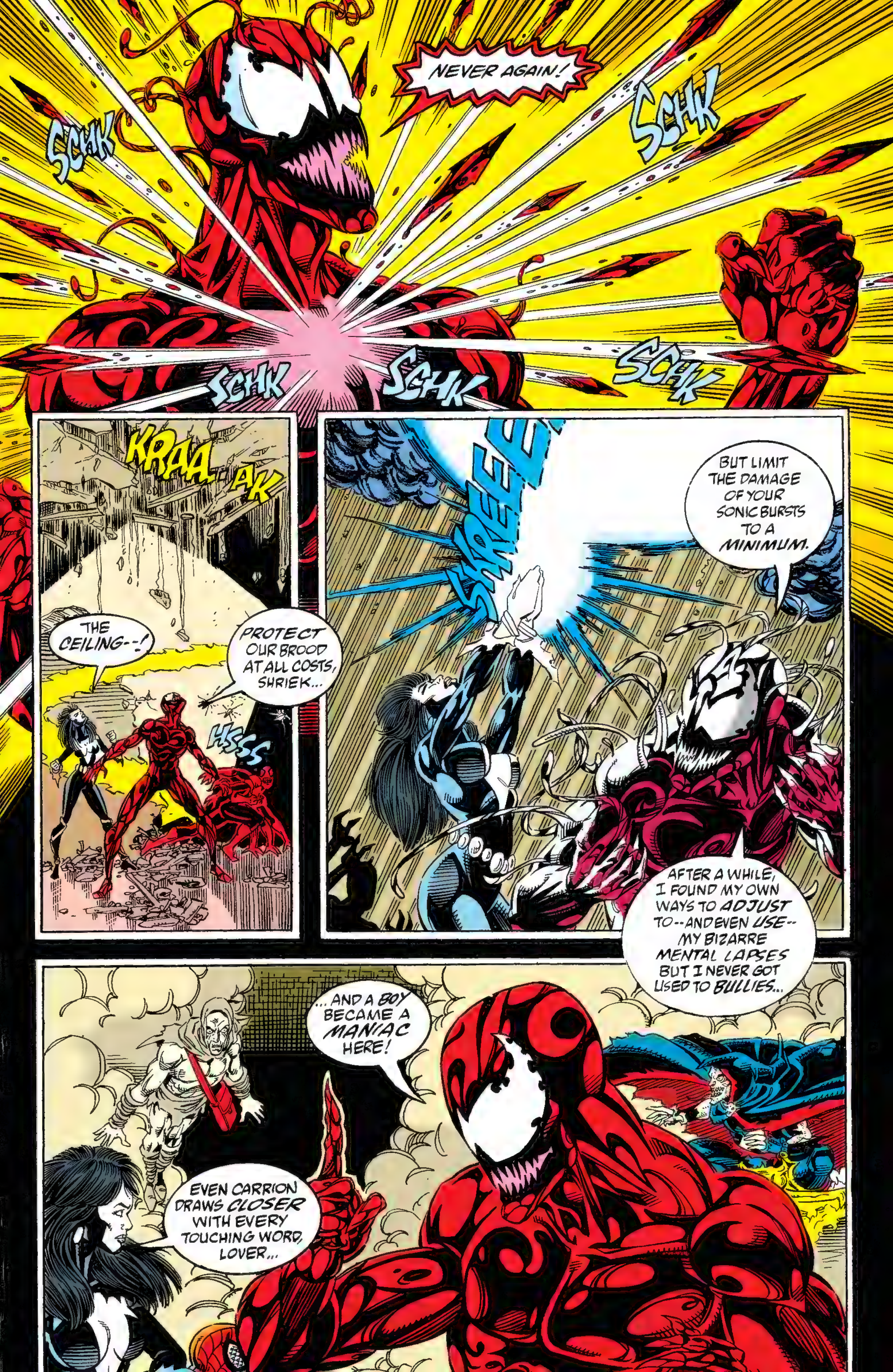

THE CONVERTED LOFT OF PETER PARKER--THE MAN UNDER THE SPIDER-MAN MASK--REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW POCKETS OF PEACE LEFT ON THE BELEAGUERED ISLAND OF MANHATTAN...
...FOR THE MOMENT.
PLEASE, RICHARD--TIMES HAVE CHANGED IN THE DECADES WE WERE... GONE.
DANGER PAY, BUDDY... AND I NEVER WOULD'VE DRIVEN INTO THIS WAR-ZONE IF YOU NUTS HADN'T AGREED TO IT UP-FRONT.
NO REASON TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TO MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, YOUNG MAN...
...WE'RE HERE ON FAMILY BUSINESS.
ON DUTY
VROOOM
I JUST GOT SO ANXIOUS WHEN WE COULDN'T GET THROUGH TO PETER OR MARY JANE...
I'M EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR SON AND HIS WIFE, MARY.
BUT I COULD HARDLY LEAVE YOU OR MAY ALONE IN QUEENS DURING ALL THIS--
--STILL SAY THAT SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FROM FOREST HILLS TO HERE IS PURE EXTORTION, MISTER!
--TROUBLE?!
NEIGHBORHOOD BELONGS TO THE BEDROCKS NOW, GEEZERS...
AND YOU GOTTA PAY THE STREET TAX!


WRONG PLACE TO PLAY, KIDS...
WHO--?!
...FLASH THOMPSON PROTECTS HIS OWN!
THOK
THOP
BREAK HIM, ROCKS...
whff
...THERE'S STILL THREE OF US LEFT AGAINST THIS ONE LOUSY TOUGH GUY--
THOK
POOM
THOMPSON AND THE PARKERS ARE FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY, PUNKS...
SKRAASH
WAK
TOOM
...AND THIS BUILDING IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE MOLTEN MAN!
SURE KNOW HOW TO MAKE AN IMPACT, MARK--
--BUT I WAS JUST LURING THEM INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY...
SOON...
--NOBODY HERE'S HEARD FROM FELICIA HARDY IN DAYS, FLASH.
BUT IT SURE WAS LUCKY FOR US HE CAME BY TO CHECK ON HIS GIRLFRIEND WHEN HE DID, Mr. RAXTON...
I'M SORRY THAT NORMIE ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED YOUR PHONE OFF ITS HOOK DURING OUR EARLIER VISIT, M.J.-- --BUT AT LEAST MY BROTHER HEARD THE COMMOTION FROM OUR APARTMENT IN TIME TO PREVENT ANY REAL HARM.


IN THE SILENT SHADOWS OF PROSPECT PARK'S SPRAWLING GRANDEUR, THE ROTTING REMAINS OF THE BROODING *BROOKLYN ORPHANAGE* STILL STAND AS OMINOUS TESTAMENT...
...TO THE *DARK FORCES* THAT SHAPED *CARNAGE* HIMSELF.
HOME SWEET HOME, MY FELLOW OUTCASTS--!
AN ABANDONED INSTITUTION OFFERS NO *WORTHY TARGETS* FOR OUR *RIGHTEOUS WRATH*, CARNAGE!
AT THE *MOMENT, DEMOGOBLIN*...
...BUT MY TRUSTY *SPIDER-DOPPELGANGER*-- AND EVEN THE STRAY *CARRION* WE'VE PICKED UP--CAN'T SEEM TO RESIST THE *FOREBODING POTENTIAL* OF THIS HOUSE OF HORRORS.
IT'S EVERYTHING WE EVER COULD HAVE *HOPED* FOR...!


ANY CHANCE OF A MAGICALLY-MALICIOUS MYSTERY TOUR, BIG C...?
IT APPEARS WE HAVE NOTHING TO KILL YET BUT TIME, MY DEAR SHRIEK...
...SO WELCOME TO MY NIGHTMARE, BOY-TOYS AND GHOULS!
YURP YURP
A STROLL DOWN CLETUS KASADY'S LONG AND WINDING MEMORY LANE MIGHT BE JUST WHAT IT TAKES--
--TO FINALLY MAKE THE REST OF YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT CARNAGE IS TRULY ALL ABOUT...!
PIZZA


AAAHH, THE PUNGENT AROMA OF SPOILED LEFTOVERS...!
AFTER I KILLED DAD FOR KILLING MOM FOR TRYING TO KILL ME--
--OR WAS IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND?--
"--I DIDN'T REALLY '*WAKE UP*' AGAIN UNTIL LITTLE CLETUS WAS ALMOST EIGHT YEARS OLD AND ALREADY A WELL-ESTABLISHED *SCAPEGOAT* OF THE CAFETERIA BULLIES."
EARTH TO KASADY... EARTH TO KASADY...!
GROUND ZERO COMING UP *FAST*--!
NOOO...
...PLEEAASE!
SKROOOM
PUMPKIN-BOMB SHEDS A LITTLE *LIGHT* ON THE NEXT ROOM...
NONE OF THE RESIDENTS COULD *EVER* FORGET THIS ROOM, 'GOBLIN...
FSSS
SNK
WE'RE NOT FINISHED *YET*, BOY--!
"...BROOKLYN ORPHANAGE WAS WAY *AHEAD OF ITS TIME* WHEN IT CAME TO THE CONCEPT OF '*TOUGH LOVE!*'"
NOOOOOOO...


NEVER AGAIN!
SCHK
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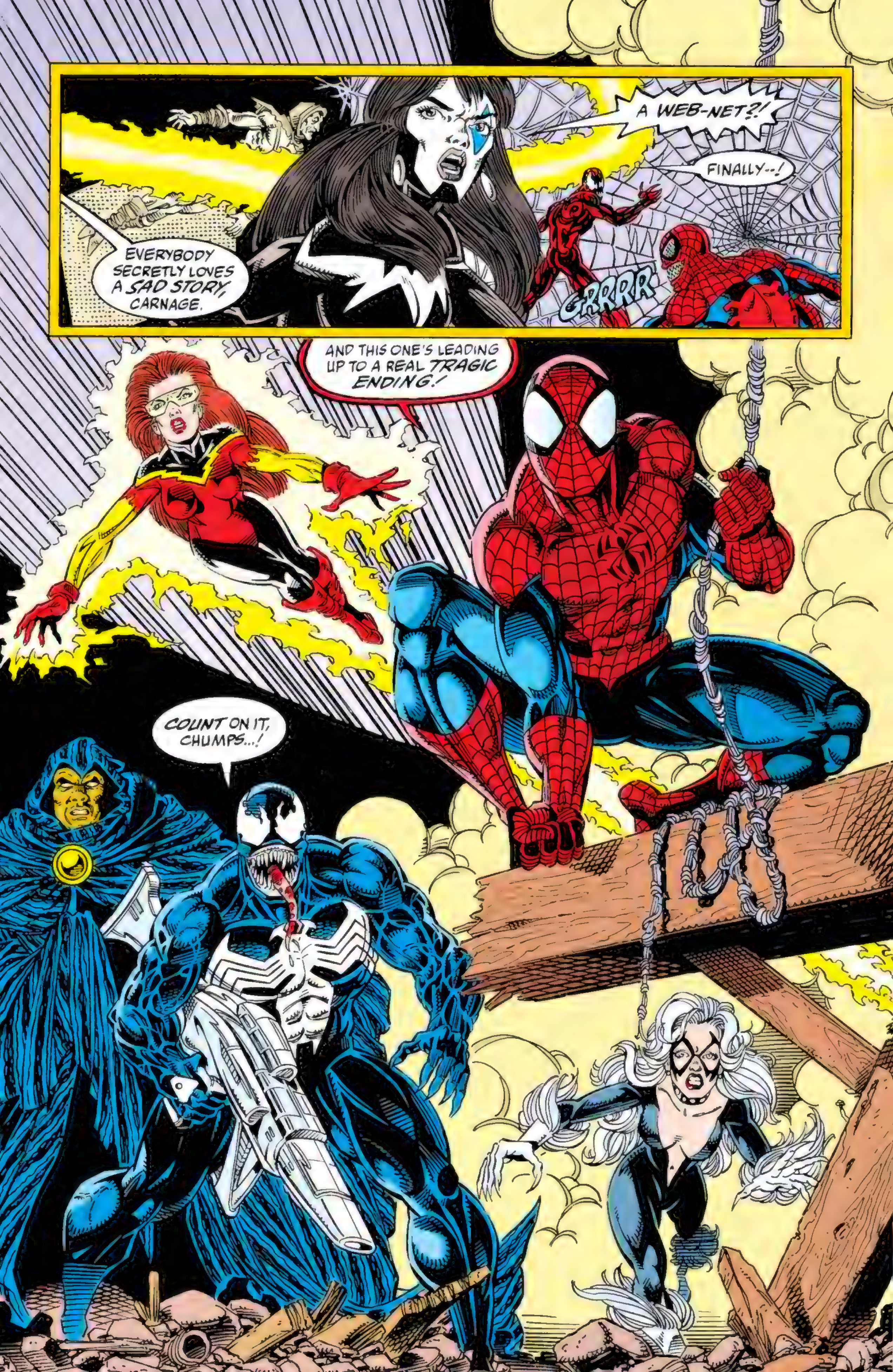
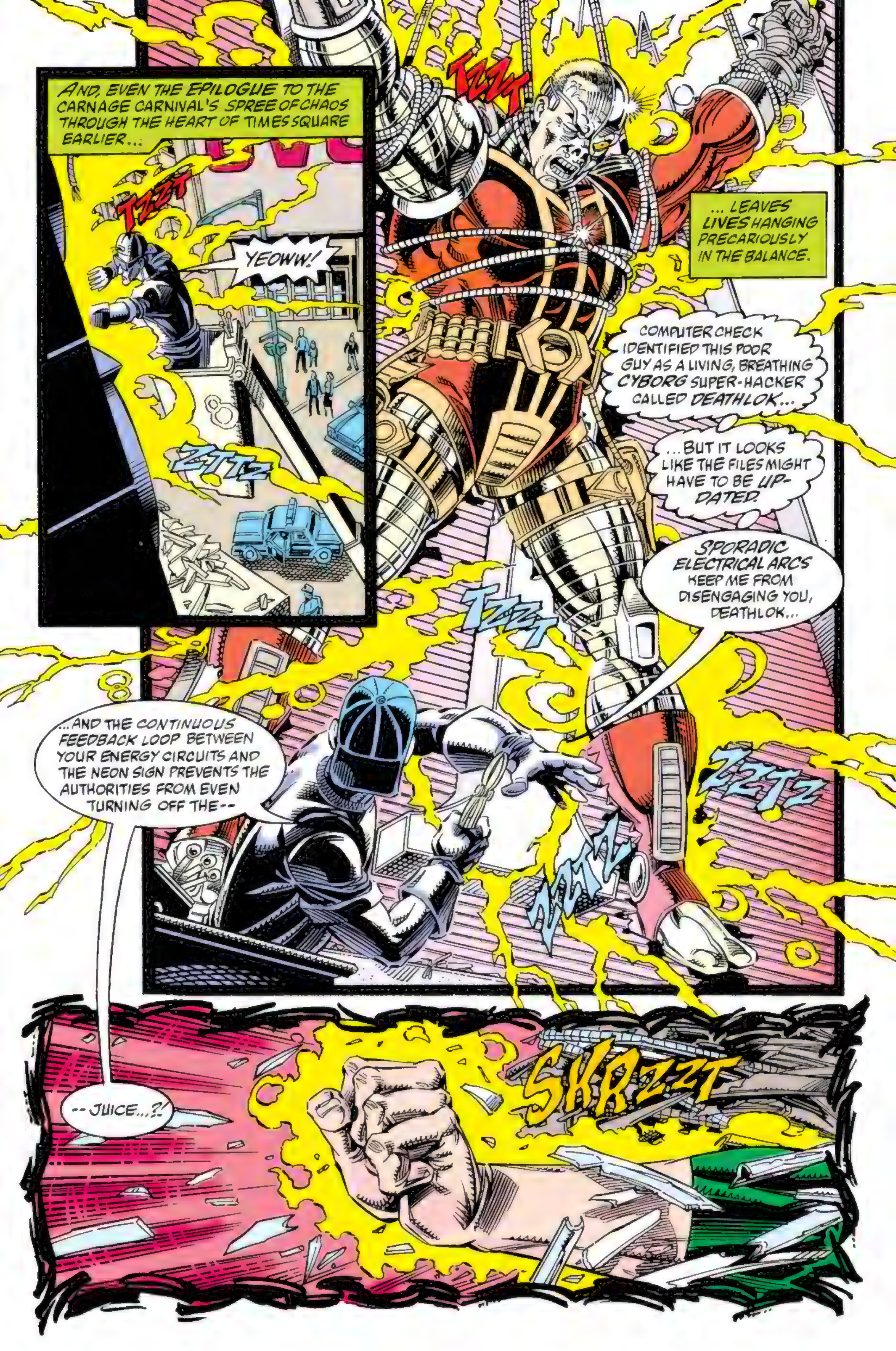
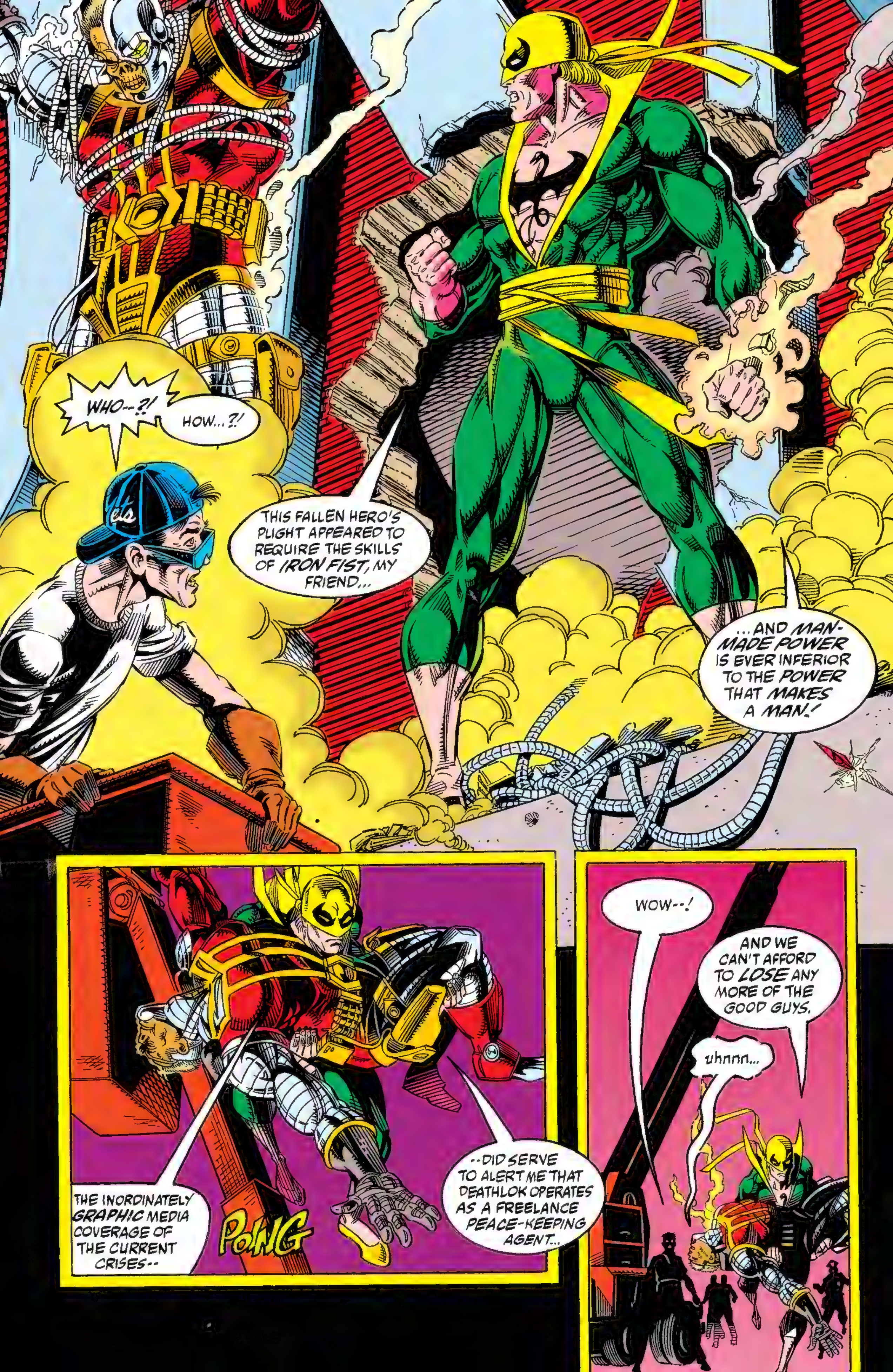
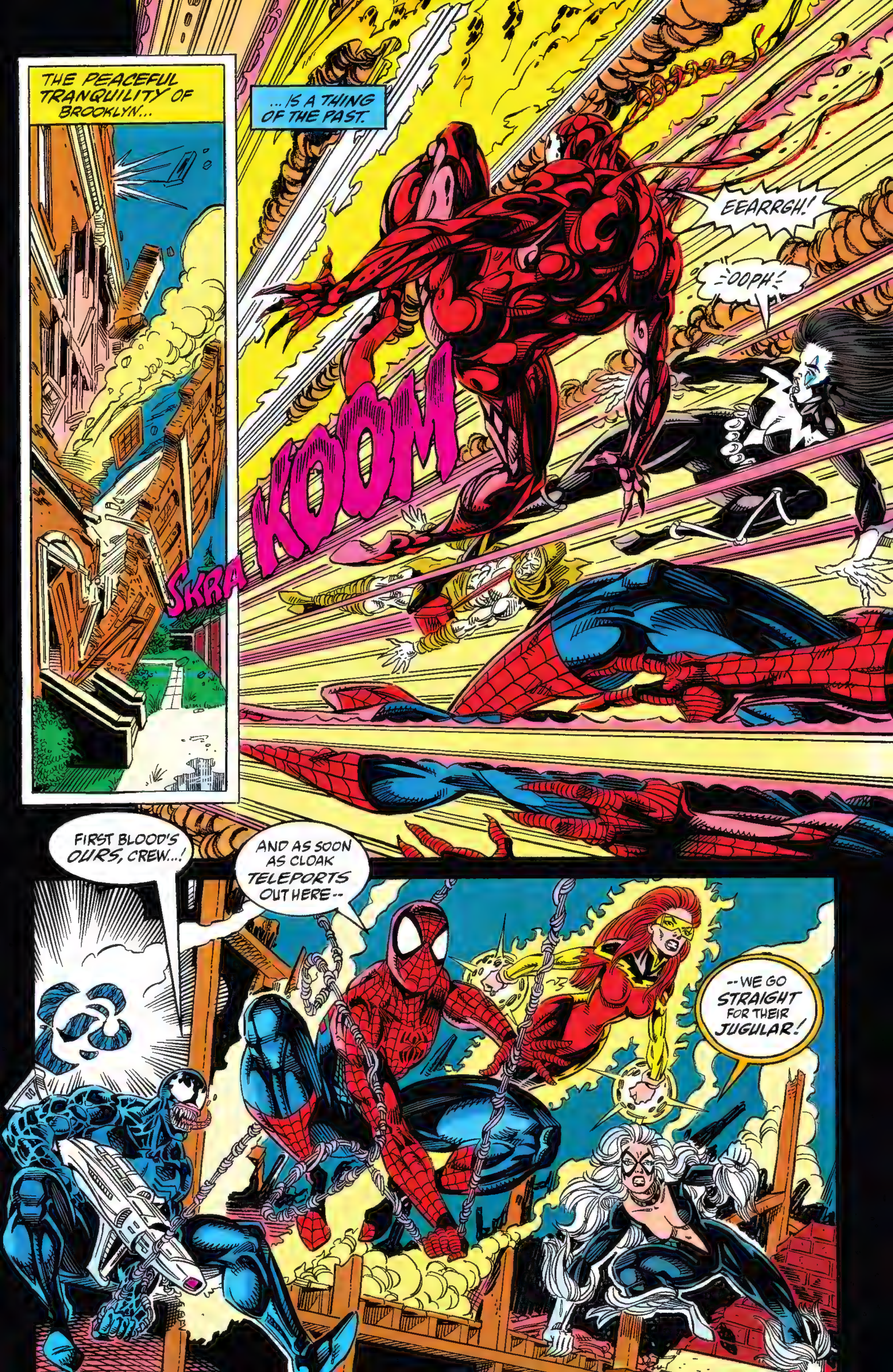
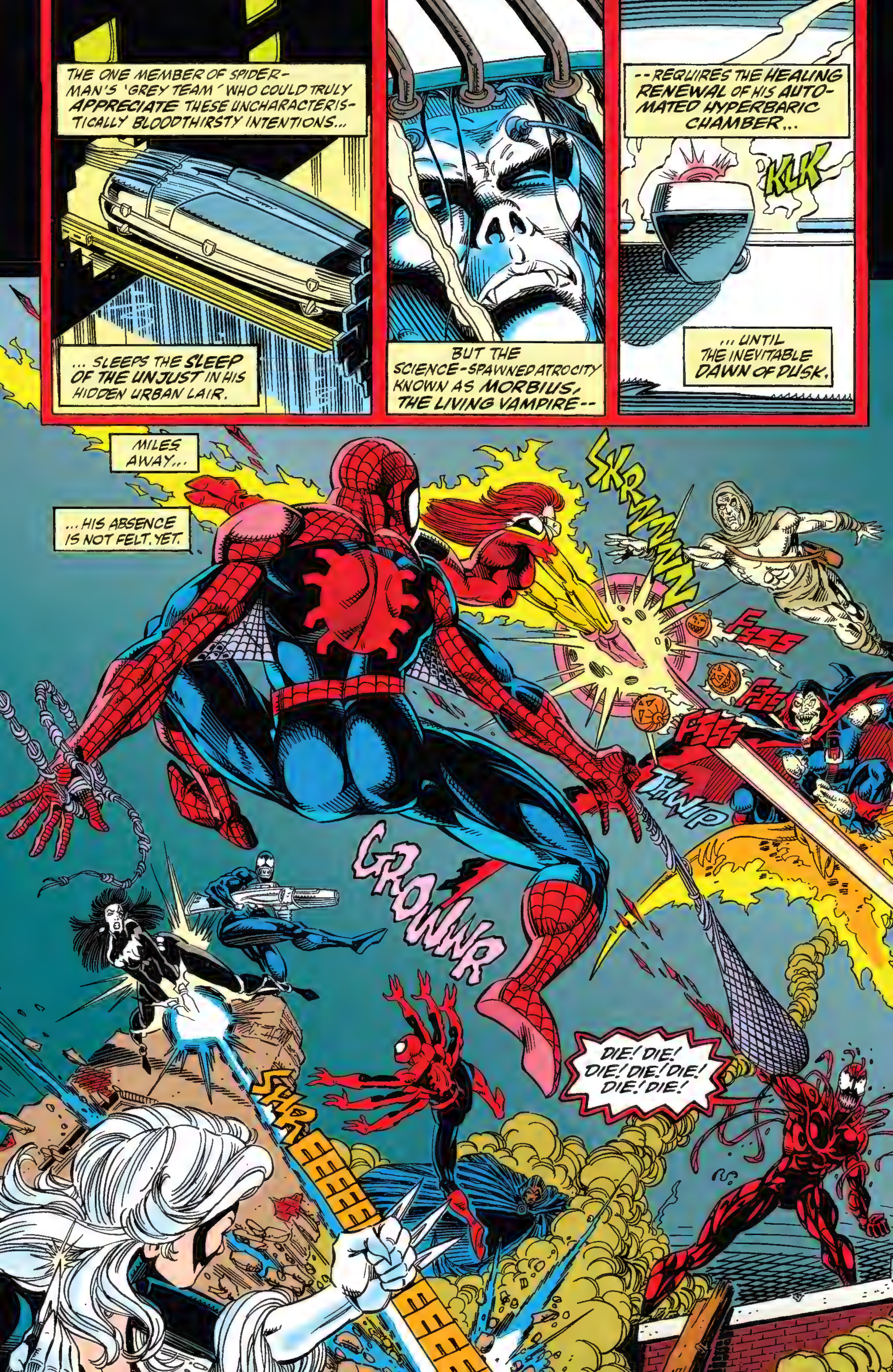
KRAA AK
THE CEILING--!
PROTECT OUR BROOD AT ALL COSTS, SHRIEK...
HSSS
SKREEE
BUT LIMIT THE DAMAGE OF YOUR SONIC BURSTS TO A MINIMUM.
AFTER A WHILE, I FOUND MY OWN WAYS TO ADJUST TO--AND EVEN USE--MY BIZARRE MENTAL LAPSES BUT I NEVER GOT USED TO BULLIES...
...AND A BOY BECAME A MANIAC HERE!
EVEN CARRION DRAWS CLOSER WITH EVERY TOUCHING WORD, LOVER...


A WEB-NET?!
FINALLY--!
EVERYBODY SECRETLY LOVES A *SAD STORY*, CARNAGE.
GRRRR
AND THIS ONE'S LEADING UP TO A REAL *TRAGIC ENDING*!
COUNT ON IT, CHUMPS...!


AND, EVEN THE EPILOGUE TO THE CARNAGE CARNIVAL'S SPREE OF CHAOS THROUGH THE HEART OF TIMES SQUARE EARLIER...
TZZZT
YEOWW!
ZZTTZ
TZZZT
... LEAVES LIVES HANGING PRECARIOUSLY IN THE BALANCE.
COMPUTER CHECK IDENTIFIED THIS POOR GUY AS A LIVING, BREATHING CYBORG SUPER-HACKER CALLED DEATHLOK...
...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE FILES MIGHT HAVE TO BE UP-DATED.
SPORADIC ELECTRICAL ARCS KEEP ME FROM DISENGAGING YOU, DEATHLOK...
TZZZT
...AND THE CONTINUOUS FEEDBACK LOOP BETWEEN YOUR ENERGY CIRCUITS AND THE NEON SIGN PREVENTS THE AUTHORITIES FROM EVEN TURNING OFF THE--
ZZTTZ
ZZTTZ
--JUICE...?!
SKRZZT


WHO--?!
HOW...?!
THIS FALLEN HERO'S PLIGHT APPEARED TO REQUIRE THE SKILLS OF *IRON FIST,* MY FRIEND...
...AND *MAN-MADE POWER* IS EVER INFERIOR TO THE *POWER* THAT *MAKES* A *MAN!*
THE INORDINATELY *GRAPHIC* MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE CURRENT CRISES--
POING
--DID SERVE TO ALERT ME THAT DEATHLOK OPERATES AS A FREELANCE *PEACE-KEEPING* AGENT...
WOW--!
AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO *LOSE* ANY MORE OF THE GOOD GUYS.
uhnnn...


THE PEACEFUL TRANQUILITY OF BROOKLYN...
...IS A THING OF THE PAST.
EEARRGH!
OOPH!
SKRA KOOM
FIRST BLOOD'S OURS, CREW...!
AND AS SOON AS CLOAK TELEPORTS OUT HERE--
--WE GO STRAIGHT FOR THEIR JUGULAR!


THE ONE MEMBER OF SPIDER-MAN'S 'GREY TEAM' WHO COULD TRULY APPRECIATE THESE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY BLOODTHIRSTY INTENTIONS...
... SLEEPS THE SLEEP OF THE UNJUST IN HIS HIDDEN URBAN LAIR.
BUT THE SCIENCE-SPAWNED ATROCITY KNOWN AS MORBIUS, THE LIVING VAMPIRE--
--REQUIRES THE HEALING RENEWAL OF HIS AUTOMATED HYPERBARIC CHAMBER...
KLK
... UNTIL THE INEVITABLE DAWN OF DUSK.
MILES AWAY...
...HIS ABSENCE IS NOT FELT. YET.
SKRMMMN
FSSS
FSSS
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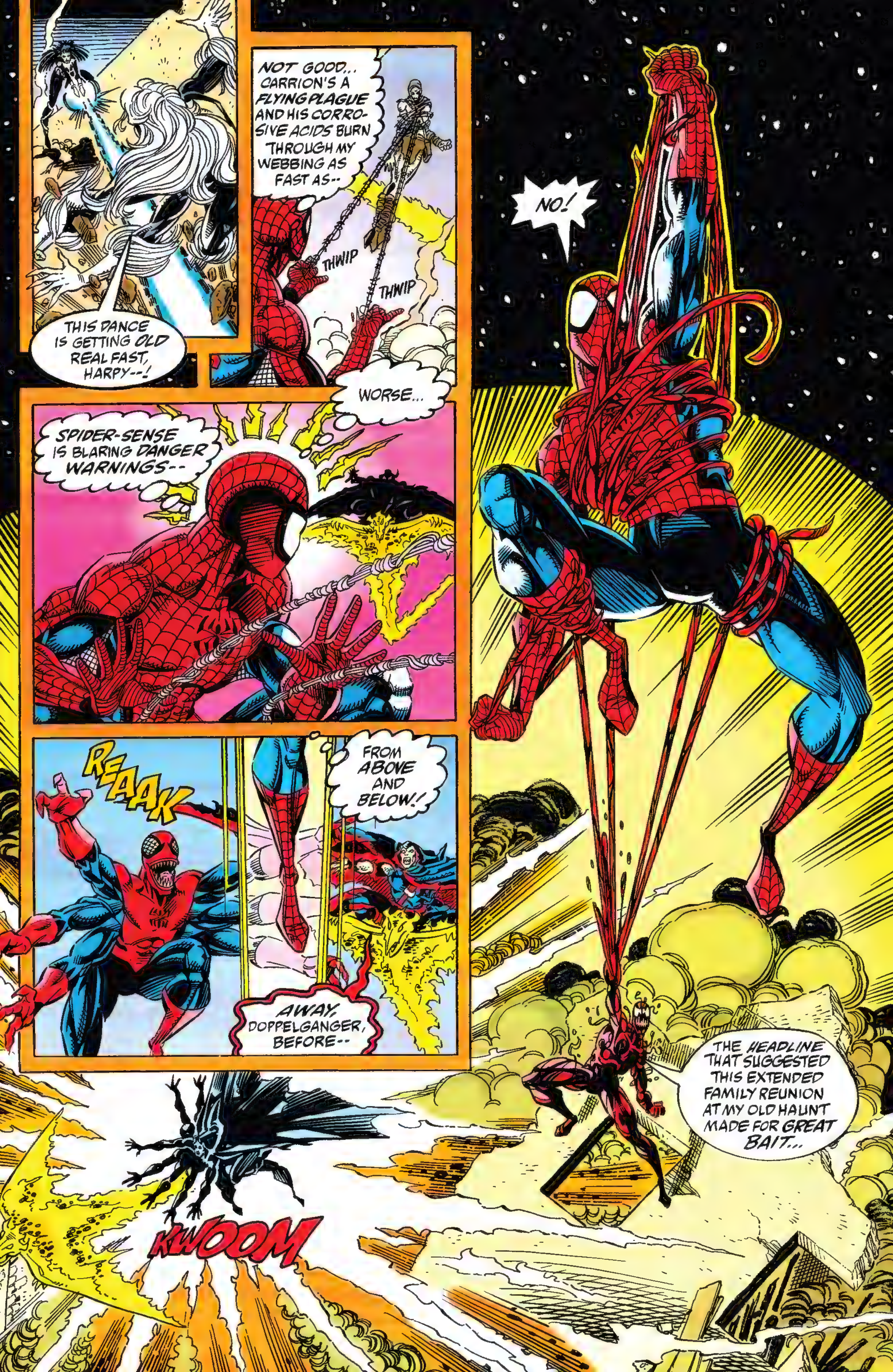
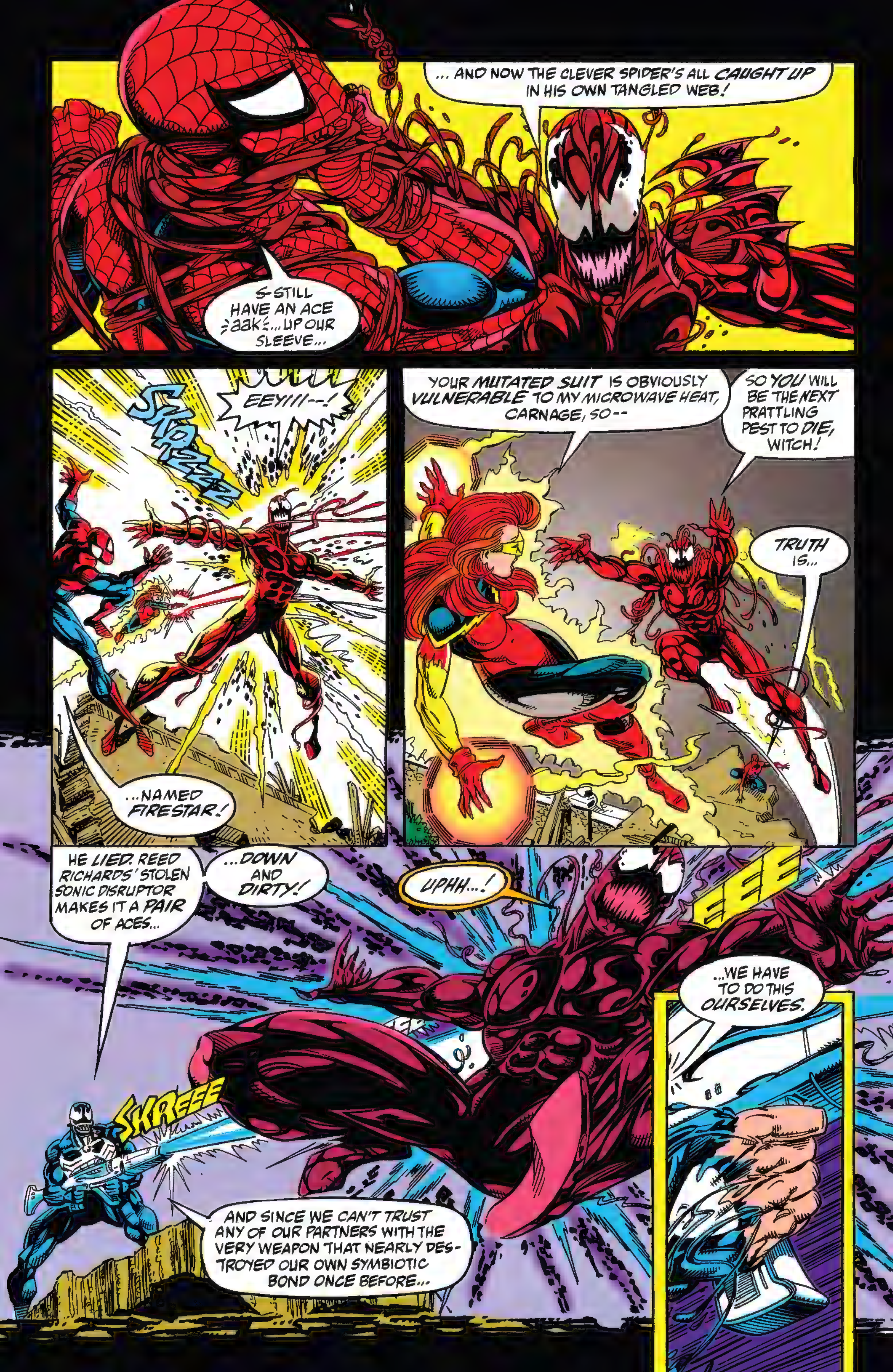
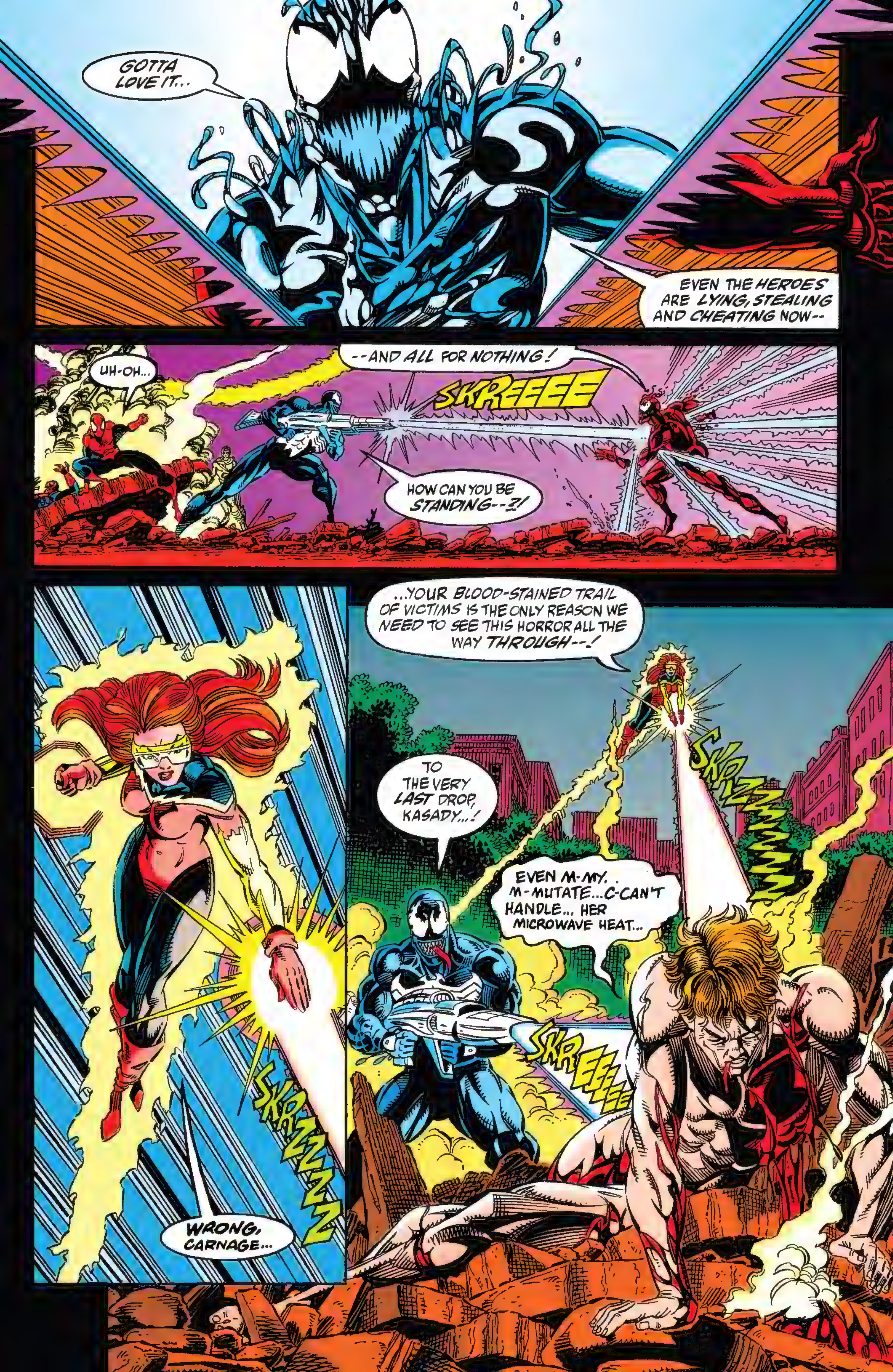
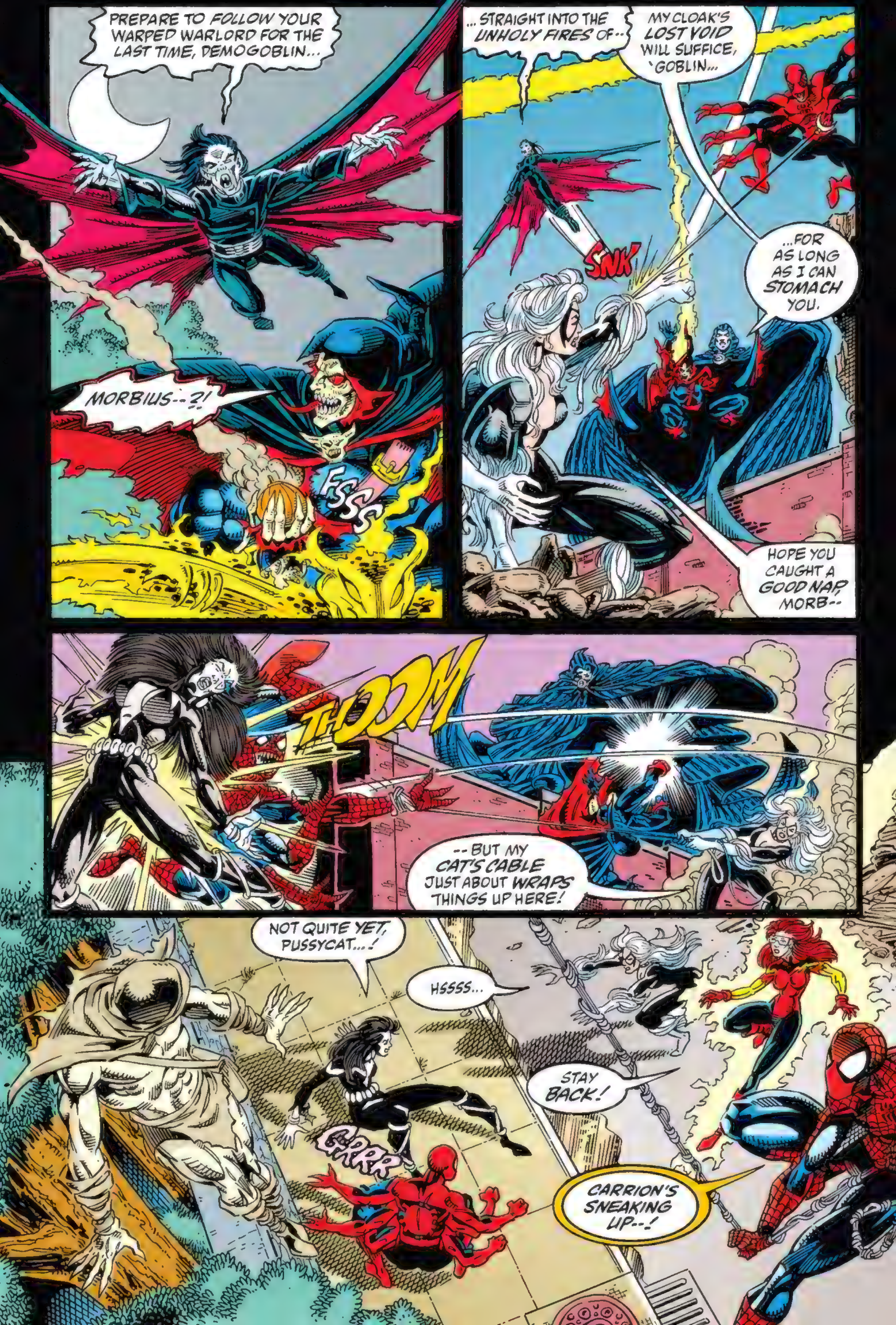
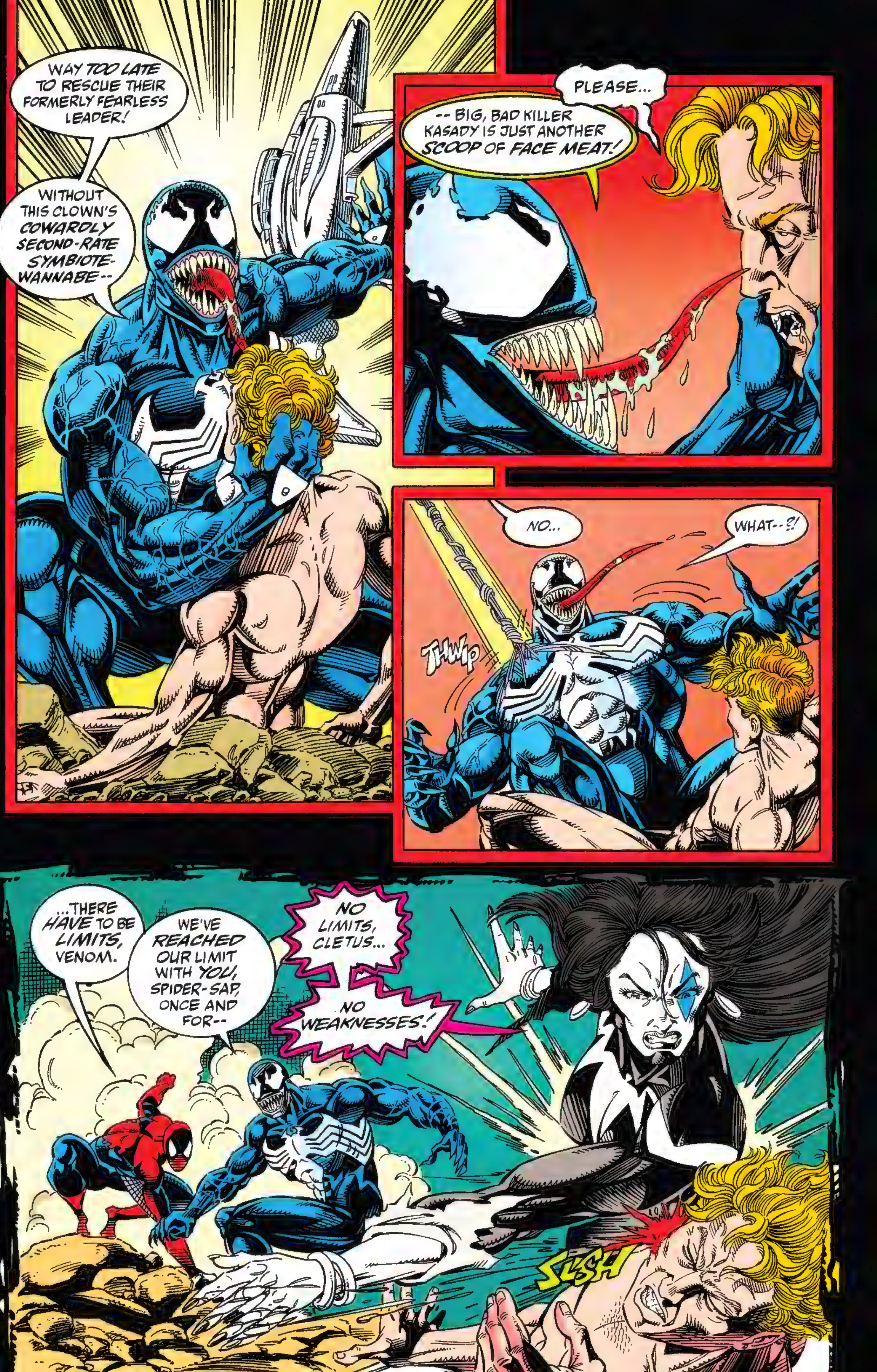
THWIP
GROWWR
DIE! DIE! DIE! DIE! DIE! DIE! DIE!
SHREEEEEEEEEE

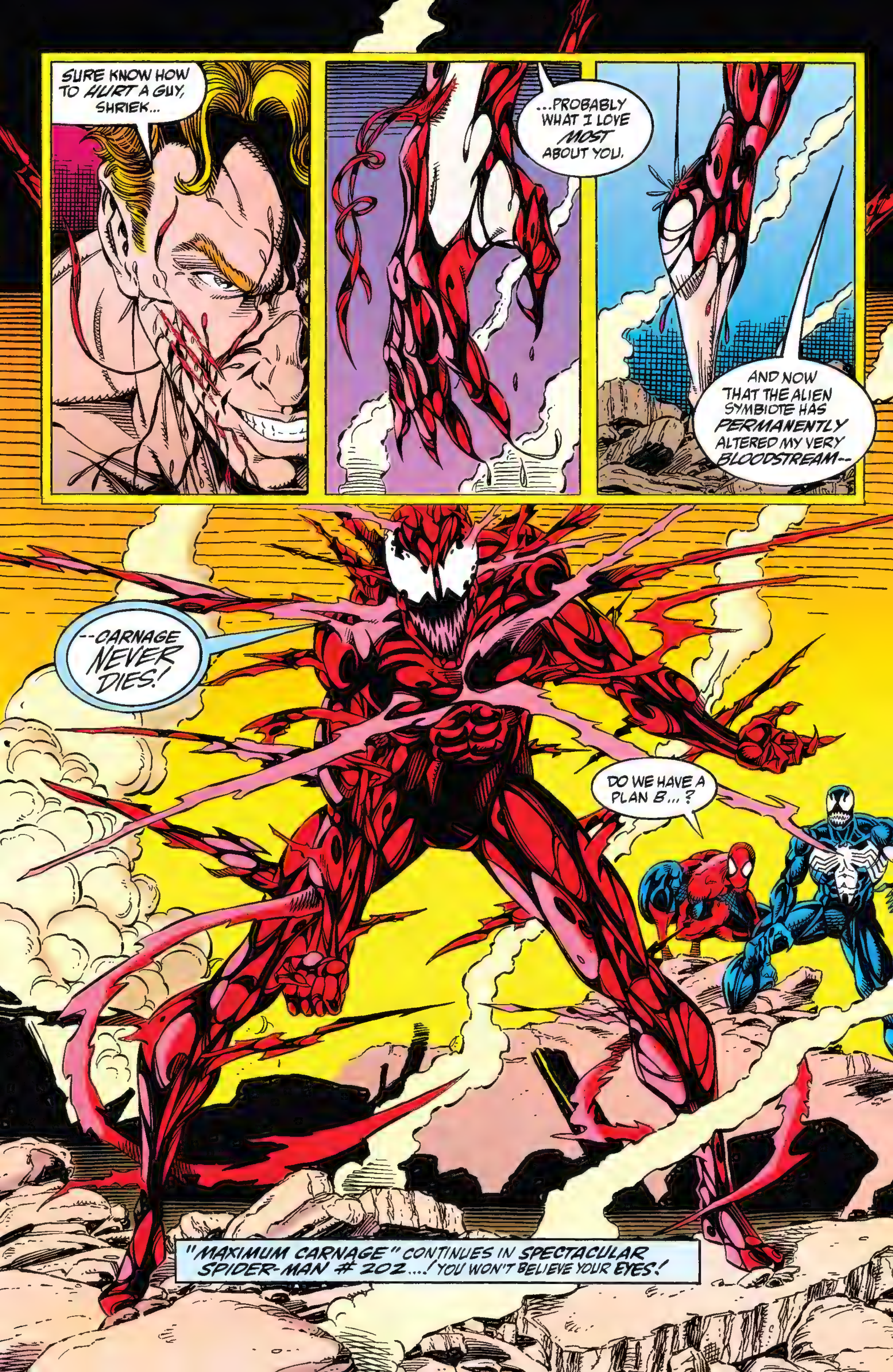

THIS DANCE IS GETTING *OLD* REAL FAST, HARPY--!
NOT GOOD... CARRION'S A *FLYING PLAGUE* AND HIS CORROSIVE *ACIDS* BURN THROUGH MY WEBBING AS FAST AS--
THWIP
THWIP
NO!
WORSE...
SPIDER-SENSE IS BLARING *DANGER WARNINGS*--
REAAAK
FROM *ABOVE* AND *BELOW*!
AWAY, DOPPELGANGER, BEFORE--
KWOOM
THE *HEADLINE* THAT SUGGESTED THIS EXTENDED FAMILY REUNION AT MY OLD HAUNT MADE FOR *GREAT BAIT*...


... AND NOW THE CLEVER SPIDER'S ALL CAUGHT UP IN HIS OWN TANGLED WEB!
S-STILL HAVE AN ACE ≈aak≈... UP OUR SLEEVE...
SKRZZZZ
EEYIII--!
...NAMED FIRESTAR!
YOUR MUTATED SUIT IS OBVIOUSLY VULNERABLE TO MY MICROWAVE HEAT, CARNAGE, SO--
SO YOU WILL BE THE NEXT PRATTLING PEST TO DIE, WITCH!
TRUTH IS...
HE LIED. REED RICHARDS' STOLEN SONIC DISRUPTOR MAKES IT A PAIR OF ACES...
...DOWN AND DIRTY!
UPHH...!
EEE
SKREEEE
AND SINCE WE CAN'T TRUST ANY OF OUR PARTNERS WITH THE VERY WEAPON THAT NEARLY DESTROYED OUR OWN SYMBIOTIC BOND ONCE BEFORE...
...WE HAVE TO DO THIS OURSELVES.


GOTTA LOVE IT...
EVEN THE HEROES ARE LYING, STEALING AND CHEATING NOW--
UH-OH...
--AND ALL FOR NOTHING!
SKREEEEE
HOW CAN YOU BE STANDING--?!
SKRZZZZZ
WRONG, CARNAGE...
...YOUR BLOOD-STAINED TRAIL OF VICTIMS IS THE ONLY REASON WE NEED TO SEE THIS HORROR ALL THE WAY THROUGH--!
SKRZZZZZZ
TO THE VERY LAST DROP, KASADY...!
EVEN M-MY.. M-MUTATE...C-CAN'T HANDLE... HER MICROWAVE HEAT...
SKREEEEE


PREPARE TO FOLLOW YOUR WARPED WARLORD FOR THE LAST TIME, DEMOGOBLIN...
MORBIUS--?!
FSSS
...STRAIGHT INTO THE UNHOLY FIRES OF--
MY CLOAK'S LOST VOID WILL SUFFICE, 'GOBLIN...
SNK
...FOR AS LONG AS I CAN STOMACH YOU.
HOPE YOU CAUGHT A GOOD NAP, MORB--
THOOM
--BUT MY CAT'S CABLE JUST ABOUT WRAPS THINGS UP HERE!
NOT QUITE YET, PUSSYCAT...!
HSSSS...
GRRR
STAY BACK!
CARRION'S SNEAKING UP--!


WAY TOO LATE TO RESCUE THEIR FORMERLY FEARLESS LEADER!
WITHOUT THIS CLOWN'S COWARDLY SECOND-RATE SYMBIOTE-WANNABE--
PLEASE...
-- BIG, BAD KILLER KASADY IS JUST ANOTHER SCOOP OF FACE MEAT!
NO...
WHAT--?!
THWIP
...THERE HAVE TO BE LIMITS, VENOM.
WE'VE REACHED OUR LIMIT WITH YOU, SPIDER-SAP, ONCE AND FOR--
NO LIMITS, CLETUS...
NO WEAKNESSES!
SLSH


SURE KNOW HOW TO *HURT* A GUY, SHRIEK...
...PROBABLY WHAT I LOVE *MOST* ABOUT YOU.
AND NOW THAT THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE HAS *PERMANENTLY* ALTERED MY VERY *BLOODSTREAM*--
--CARNAGE NEVER DIES!
DO WE HAVE A PLAN B...?
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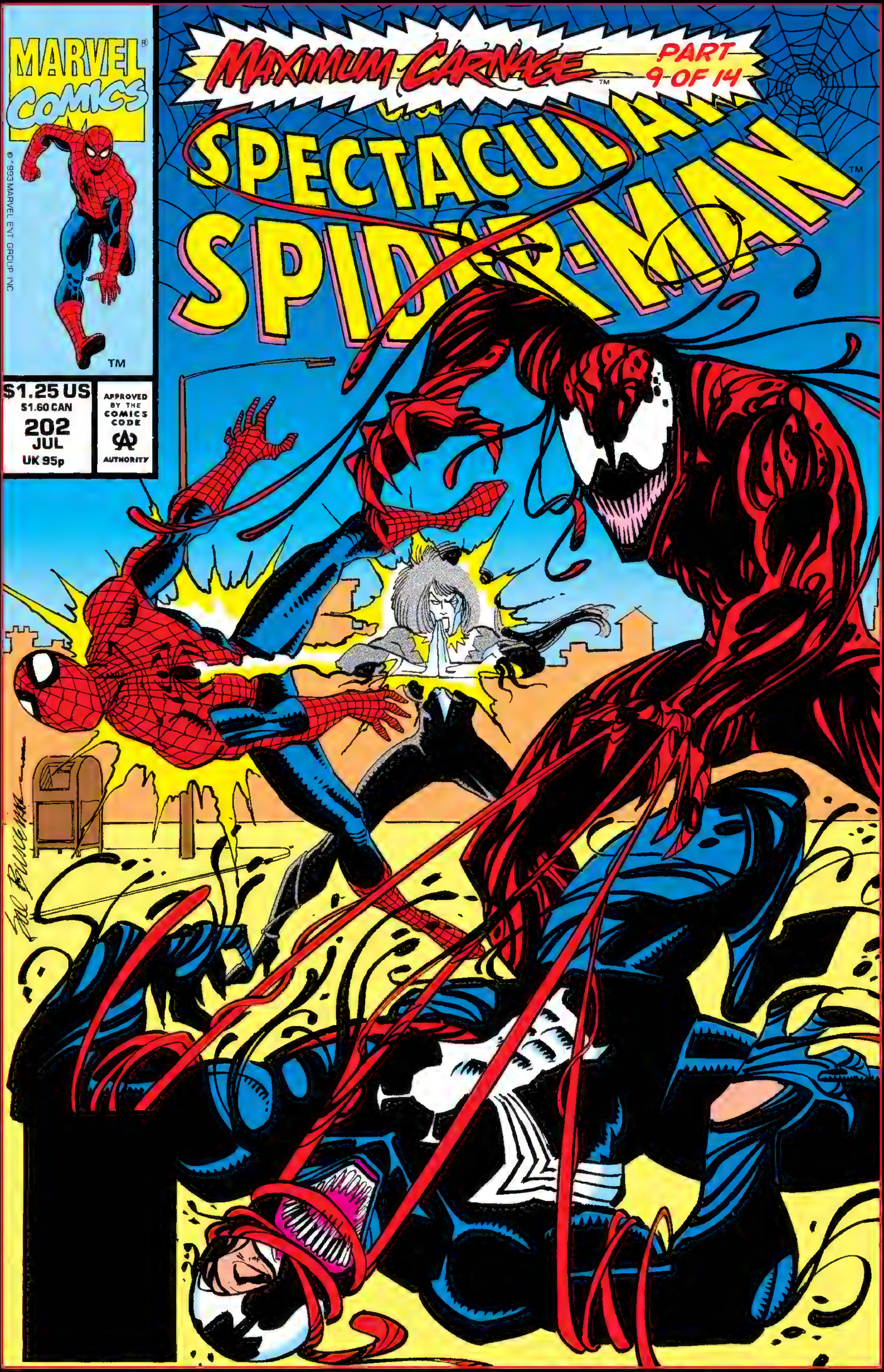
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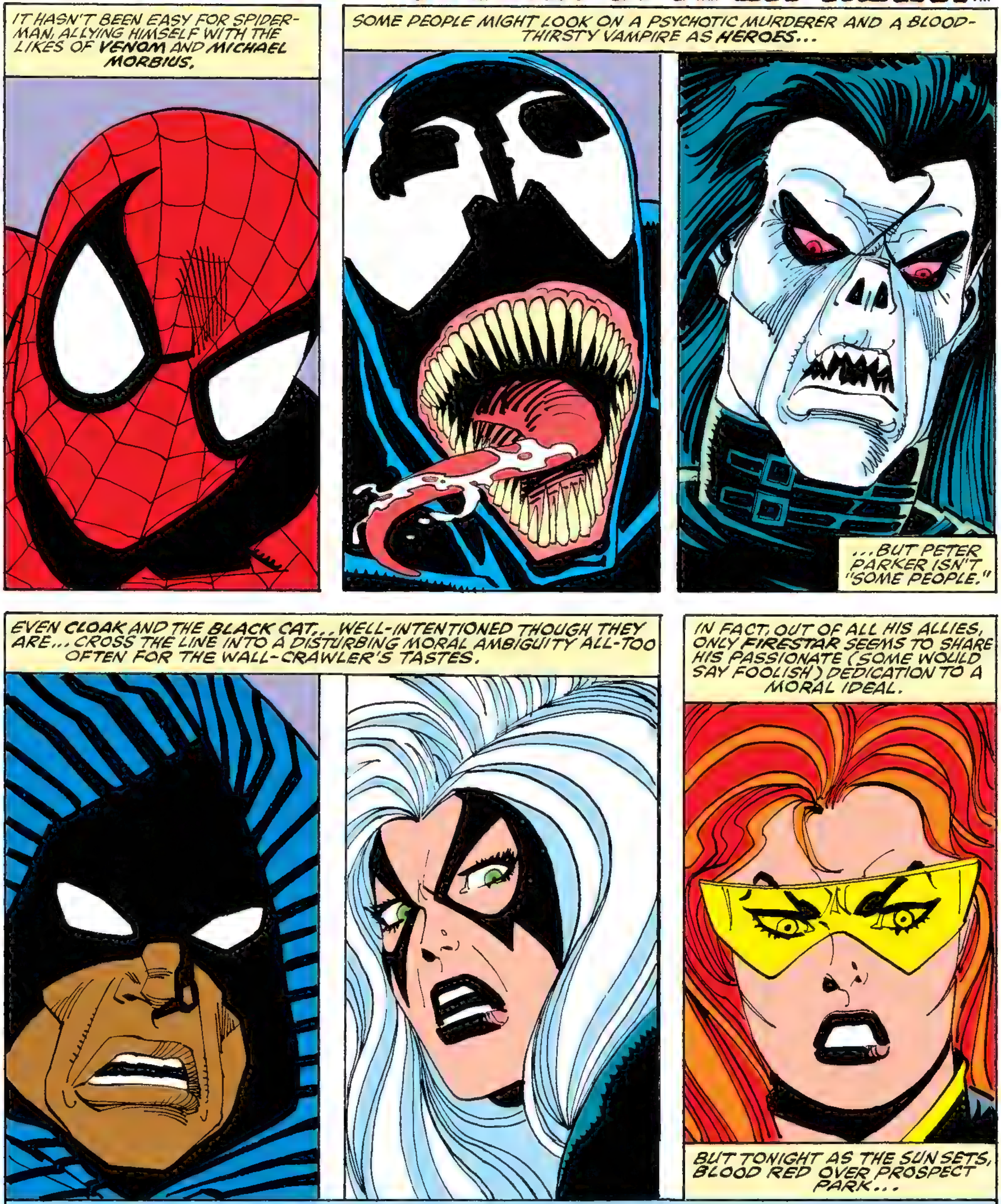
IT HASN'T BEEN EASY FOR SPIDER-MAN, ALLYING HIMSELF WITH THE LIKES OF **VENOM** AND **MICHAEL MORBIUS**,
SOME PEOPLE MIGHT LOOK ON A PSYCHOTIC MURDERER AND A BLOOD-THIRSTY VAMPIRE AS **HEROES**...
...BUT PETER PARKER ISN'T "SOME PEOPLE."
EVEN **CLOAK** AND THE **BLACK CAT**... WELL-INTENTIONED THOUGH THEY ARE... CROSS THE LINE INTO A DISTURBING MORAL AMBIGUITY ALL-TOO OFTEN FOR THE WALL-CRAWLER'S TASTES.
IN FACT, OUT OF ALL HIS ALLIES, ONLY **FIRESTAR** SEEMS TO SHARE HIS PASSIONATE (SOME WOULD SAY FOOLISH) DEDICATION TO A MORAL IDEAL.
BUT TONIGHT AS THE SUN SETS, BLOOD RED OVER PROSPECT PARK...

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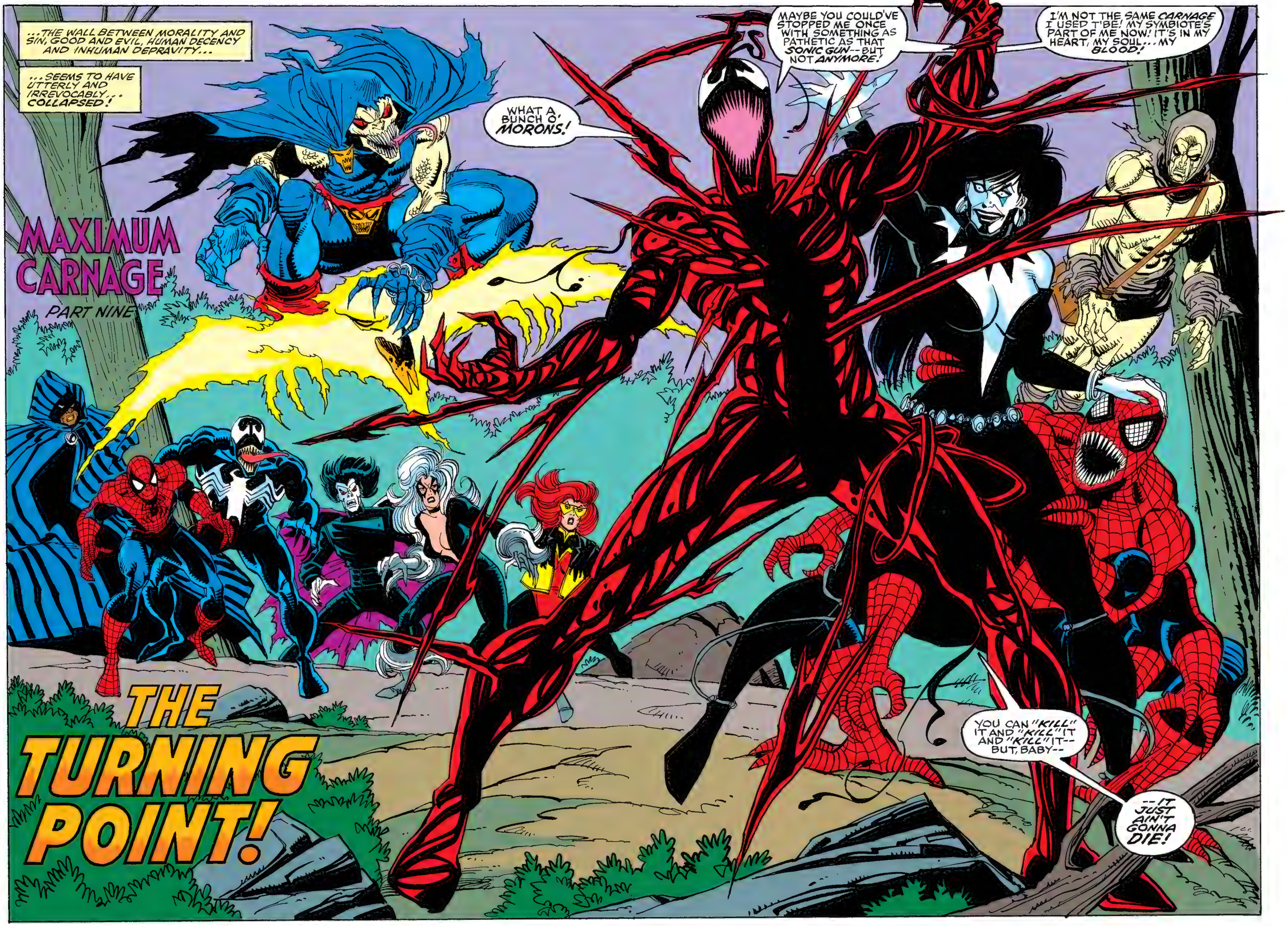
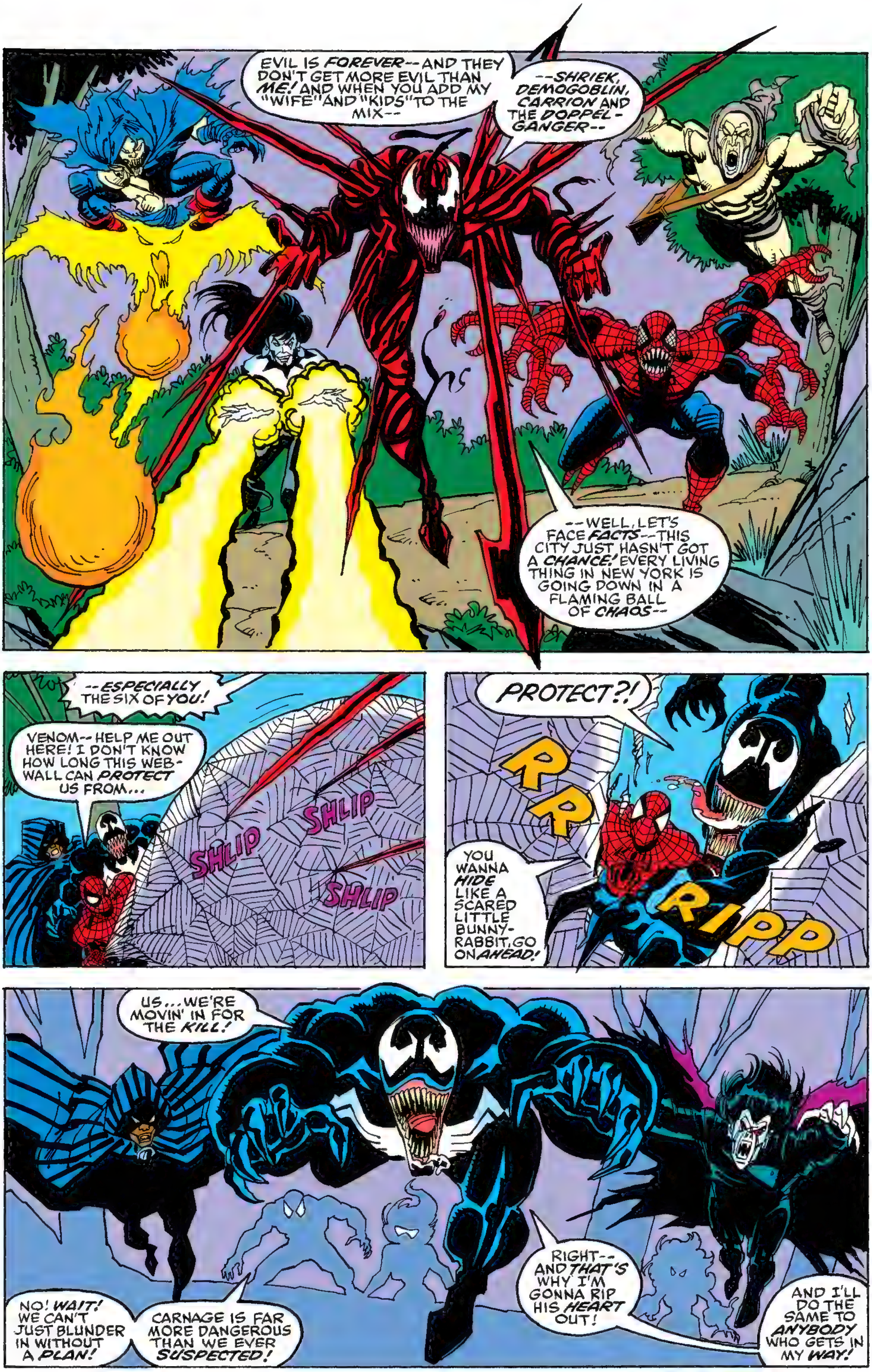
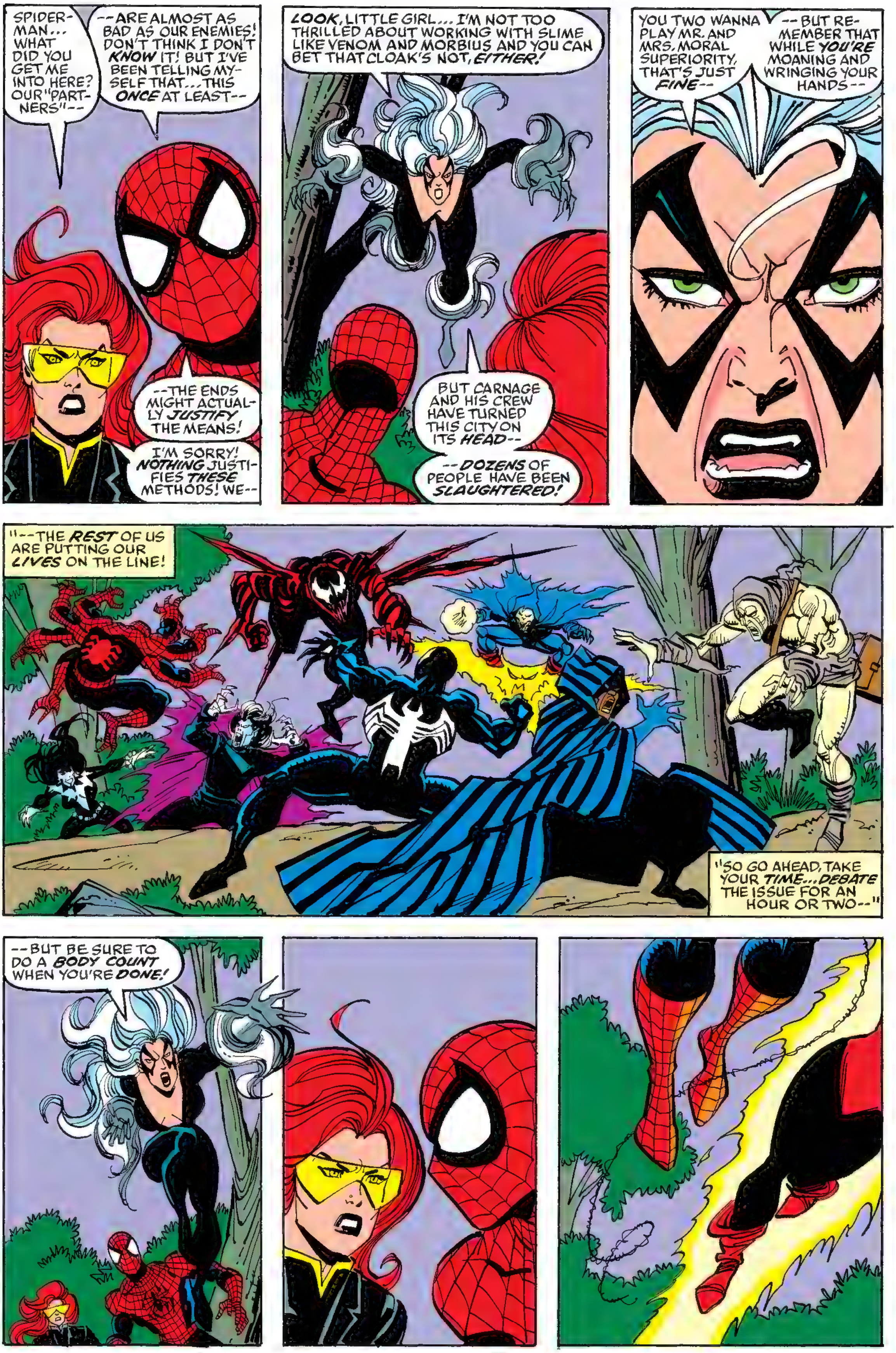
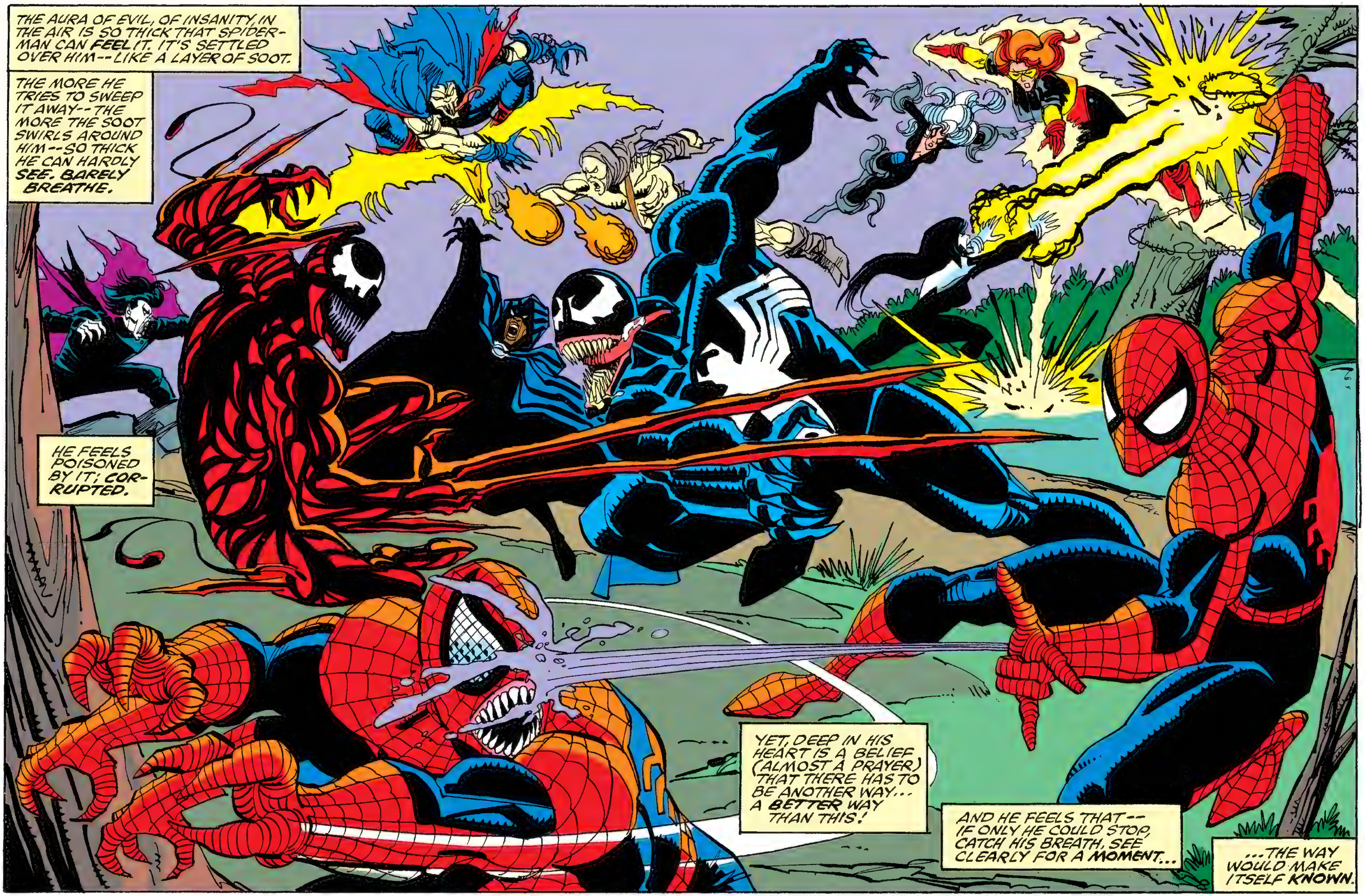
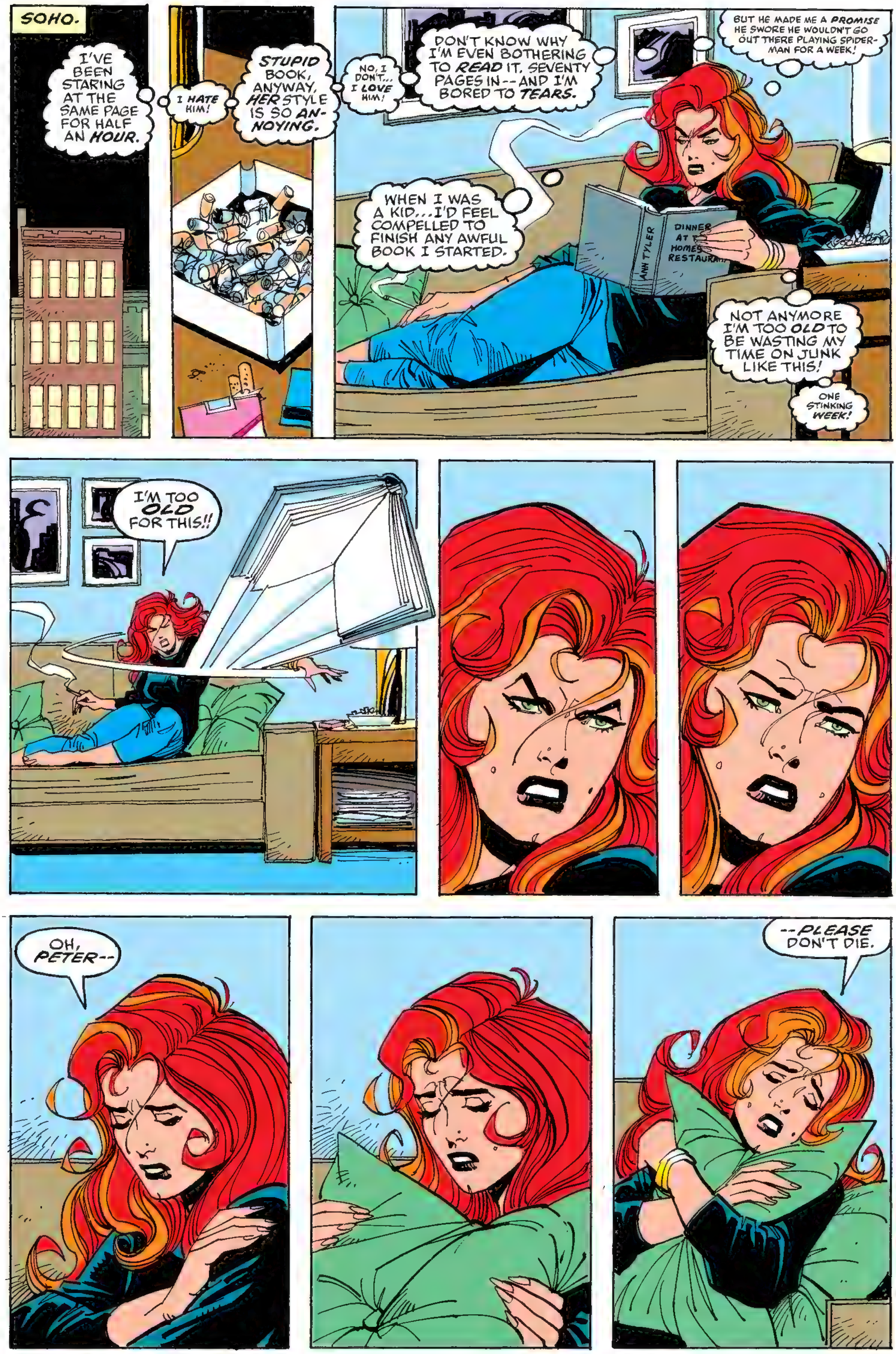
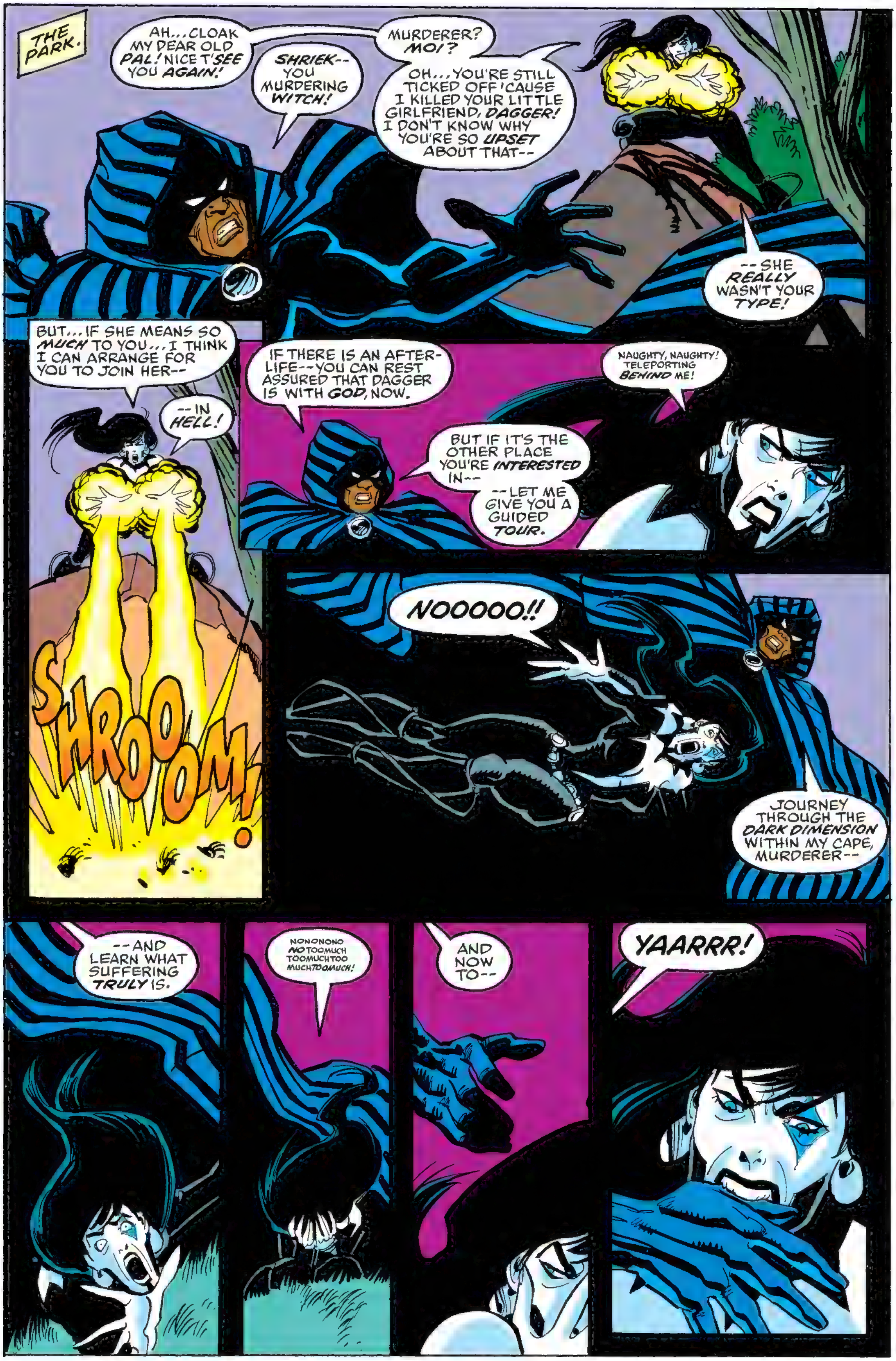

...THE WALL BETWEEN MORALITY AND SIN, GOOD AND EVIL, HUMAN DECENCY AND INHUMAN DEPRAVITY...
...SEEMS TO HAVE UTTERLY AND IRREVOCABLY... COLLAPSED!
MAXIMUM CARNAGE
PART NINE
WHAT A BUNCH O' MORONS!
MAYBE YOU COULD'VE STOPPED ME ONCE WITH SOMETHING AS PATHETIC AS THAT SONIC GUN-- BUT NOT ANYMORE!
I'M NOT THE SAME CARNAGE I USED T'BE! MY SYMBIOTE'S PART OF ME NOW! IT'S IN MY HEART, MY SOUL... MY BLOOD!
THE TURNING POINT!
YOU CAN "KILL" IT AND "KILL" IT AND "KILL" IT-- BUT, BABY--
--IT JUST AIN'T GONNA DIE!

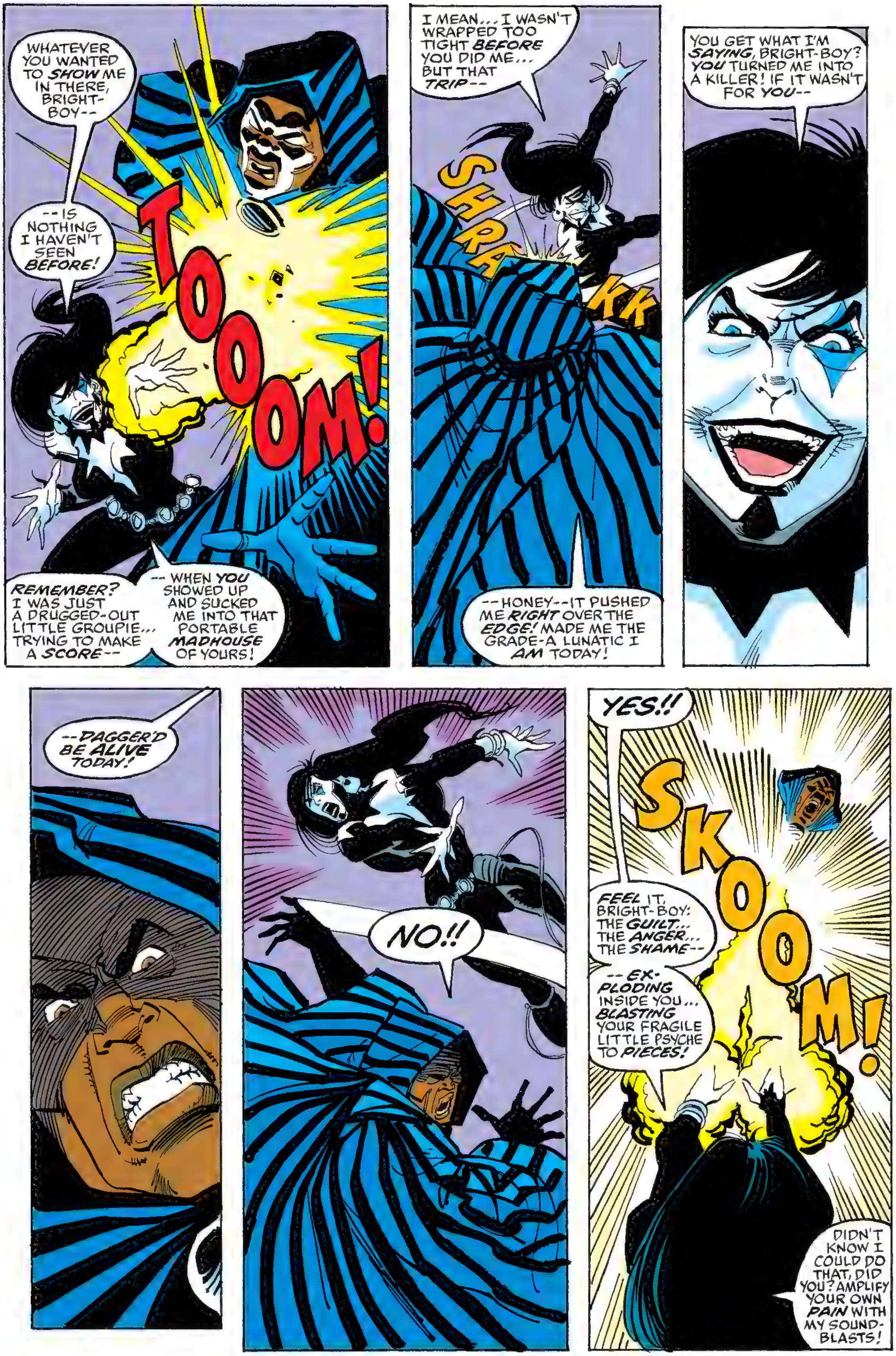

EVIL IS *FOREVER*--AND THEY DON'T GET MORE EVIL THAN *ME!* AND WHEN YOU ADD MY "WIFE" AND "KIDS" TO THE MIX--
--*SHRIEK, DEMOGOBLIN, CARRION* AND THE *DOPPELGANGER*--
--WELL, LET'S FACE *FACTS*--THIS CITY JUST HASN'T GOT A *CHANCE!* EVERY LIVING THING IN NEW YORK IS GOING DOWN IN A FLAMING BALL OF *CHAOS*--
--*ESPECIALLY* THE SIX OF *YOU!*
VENOM--HELP ME OUT HERE! I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THIS WEB-WALL CAN *PROTECT* US FROM...
SHLIP
SHLIP
SHLIP
PROTECT?!
RR
YOU WANNA *HIDE* LIKE A SCARED LITTLE BUNNY-RABBIT, GO ON *AHEAD!*
RIPP
US...WE'RE MOVIN' IN FOR THE *KILL!*
NO! *WAIT!* WE CAN'T JUST BLUNDER IN WITHOUT A *PLAN!*
CARNAGE IS FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN WE EVER *SUSPECTED!*
RIGHT--AND *THAT'S* WHY I'M GONNA RIP HIS *HEART* OUT!
AND I'LL DO THE SAME TO *ANYBODY* WHO GETS IN MY *WAY!*

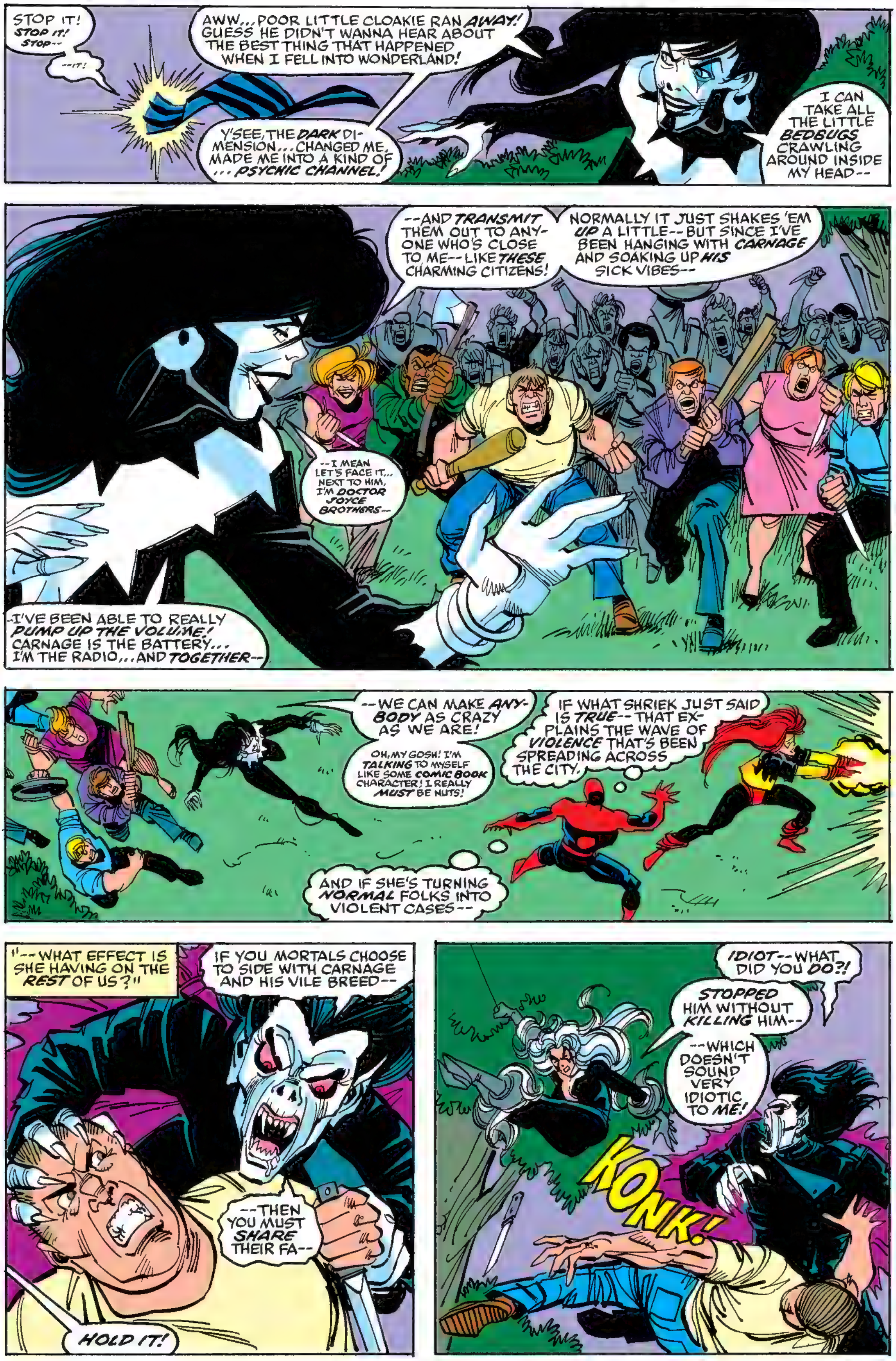

SPIDER-MAN... WHAT DID YOU GET ME INTO HERE? OUR "PARTNERS"--
--ARE ALMOST AS BAD AS OUR ENEMIES! DON'T THINK I DON'T *KNOW* IT! BUT I'VE BEEN TELLING MYSELF THAT... THIS *ONCE* AT LEAST--
--THE ENDS MIGHT ACTUALLY *JUSTIFY* THE MEANS!
I'M SORRY! *NOTHING* JUSTIFIES *THESE* METHODS! WE--
LOOK, LITTLE GIRL... I'M NOT TOO THRILLED ABOUT WORKING WITH SLIME LIKE VENOM AND MORBIUS AND YOU CAN BET THAT CLOAK'S NOT, *EITHER!*
BUT CARNAGE AND HIS CREW HAVE TURNED THIS CITY ON ITS *HEAD*--
--*DOZENS* OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN *SLAUGHTERED!*
YOU TWO WANNA PLAY MR. AND MRS. MORAL SUPERIORITY, THAT'S JUST *FINE*--
--BUT REMEMBER THAT WHILE *YOU'RE* MOANING AND WRINGING YOUR HANDS--
"--THE *REST* OF US ARE PUTTING OUR *LIVES* ON THE LINE!
"SO GO AHEAD, TAKE YOUR *TIME*... *DEBATE* THE ISSUE FOR AN HOUR OR TWO--"
--BUT BE SURE TO DO A *BODY COUNT* WHEN YOU'RE *DONE!*

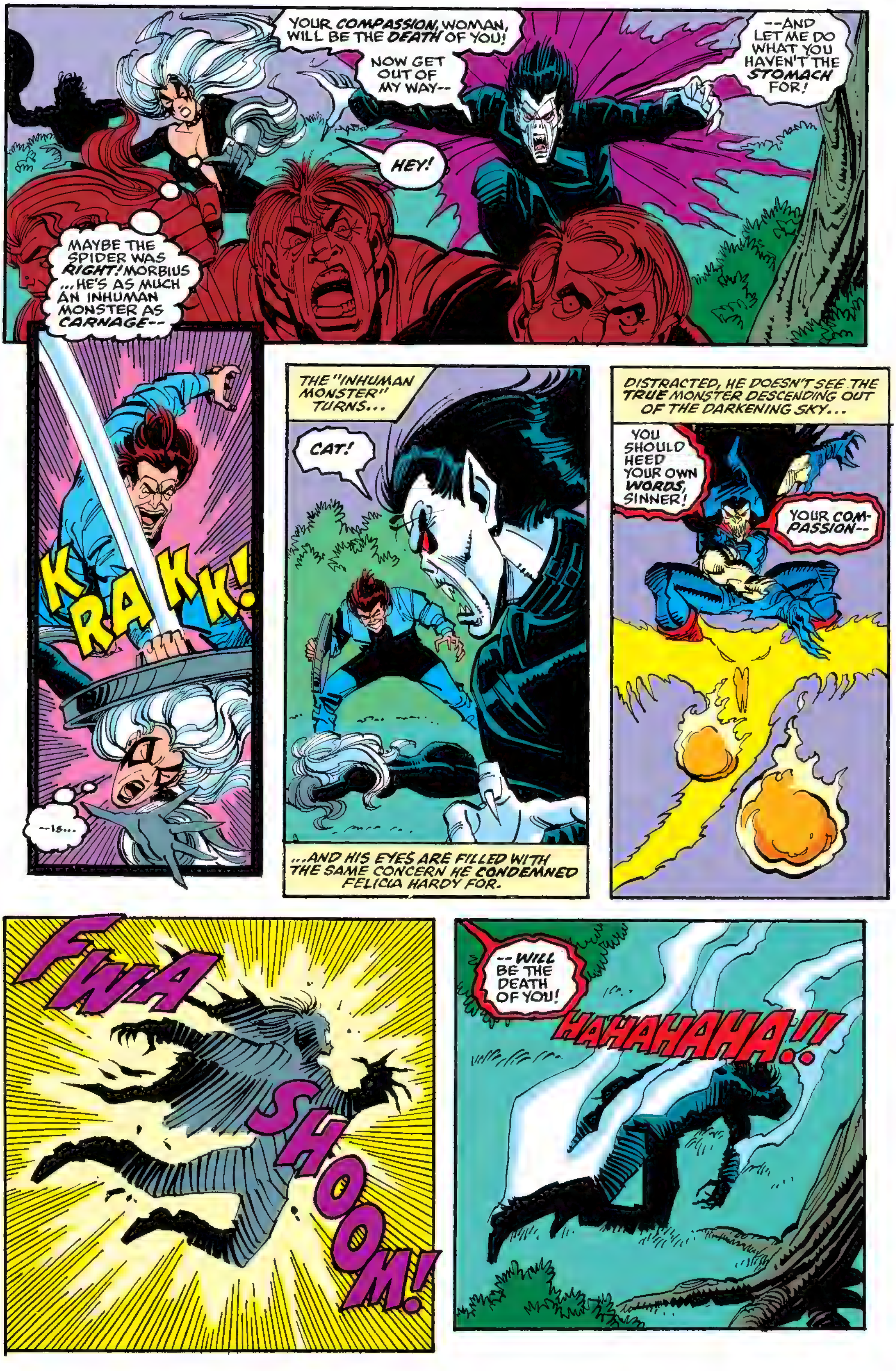

THE AURA OF EVIL, OF INSANITY, IN THE AIR IS SO THICK THAT SPIDER-MAN CAN **FEEL** IT. IT'S SETTLED OVER HIM -- LIKE A LAYER OF SOOT.
THE MORE HE TRIES TO SWEEP IT AWAY -- THE MORE THE SOOT SWIRLS AROUND HIM -- SO THICK HE CAN HARDLY **SEE. BARELY BREATHE.**
HE FEELS POISONED BY IT; **CORRUPTED.**
YET, DEEP IN HIS HEART IS A BELIEF (ALMOST A PRAYER) THAT THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY... A **BETTER** WAY THAN THIS!
AND HE FEELS THAT -- IF ONLY HE COULD STOP, CATCH HIS BREATH, SEE CLEARLY FOR A **MOMENT**...
...THE WAY WOULD MAKE ITSELF **KNOWN.**

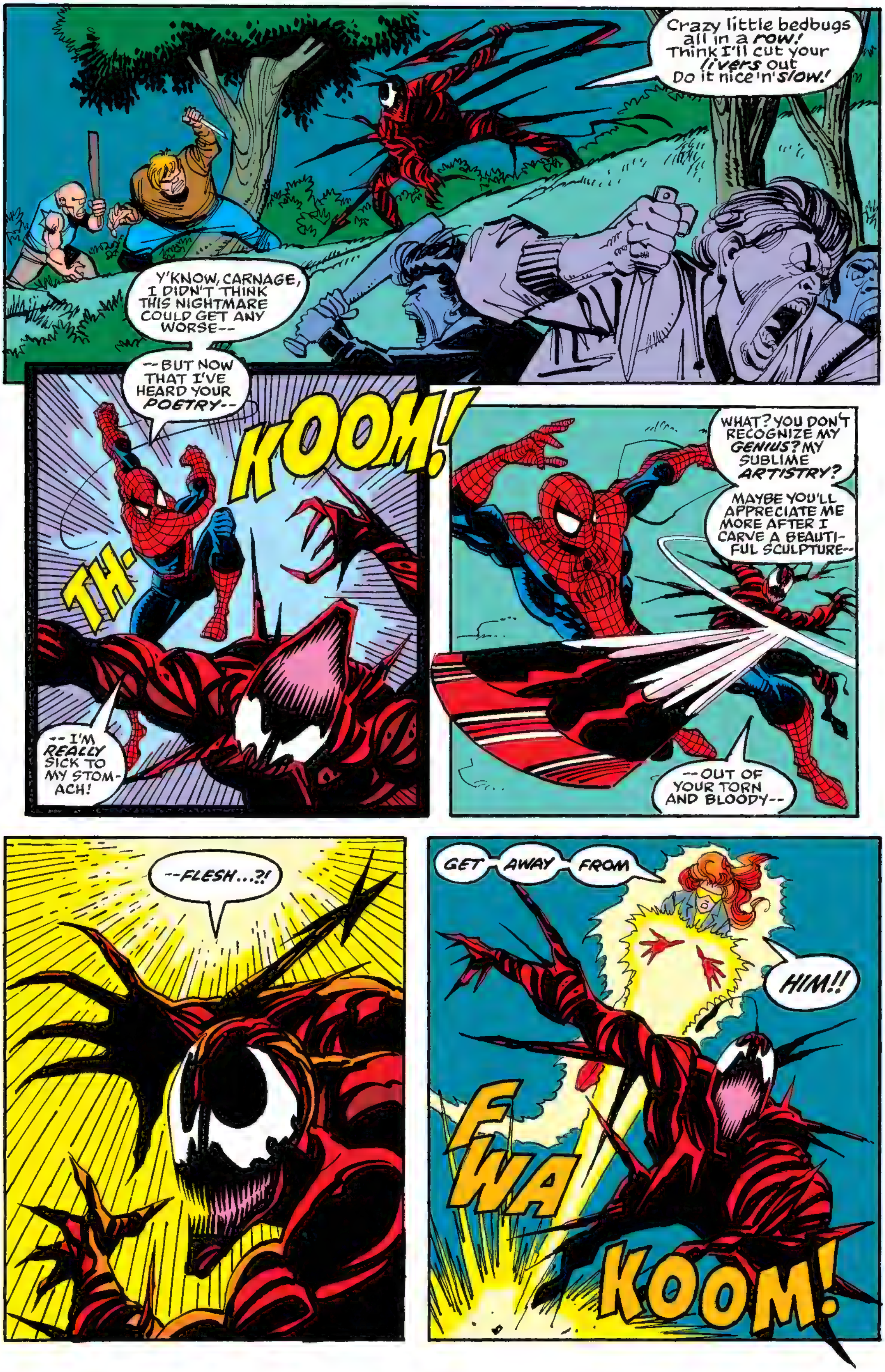

SOHO.
I'VE BEEN STARING AT THE SAME PAGE FOR HALF AN *HOUR*.
I HATE HIM!
STUPID BOOK, ANYWAY. *HER* STYLE IS SO *ANNOYING*.
NO, I DON'T... *I LOVE* HIM!
DON'T KNOW WHY I'M EVEN BOTHERING TO *READ* IT. SEVENTY PAGES IN-- AND I'M BORED TO *TEARS*.
BUT HE MADE ME A *PROMISE* HE SWORE HE WOULDN'T GO OUT THERE PLAYING SPIDER-MAN FOR A WEEK!
WHEN I WAS A KID... I'D FEEL COMPELLED TO FINISH ANY AWFUL BOOK I STARTED.
ANN TYLER
DINNER AT T HOMES RESTAURA
NOT ANYMORE. I'M TOO *OLD* TO BE WASTING MY TIME ON JUNK LIKE THIS!
ONE STINKING *WEEK!*
I'M TOO *OLD* FOR THIS!!
OH, *PETER*--
--*PLEASE* DON'T DIE.

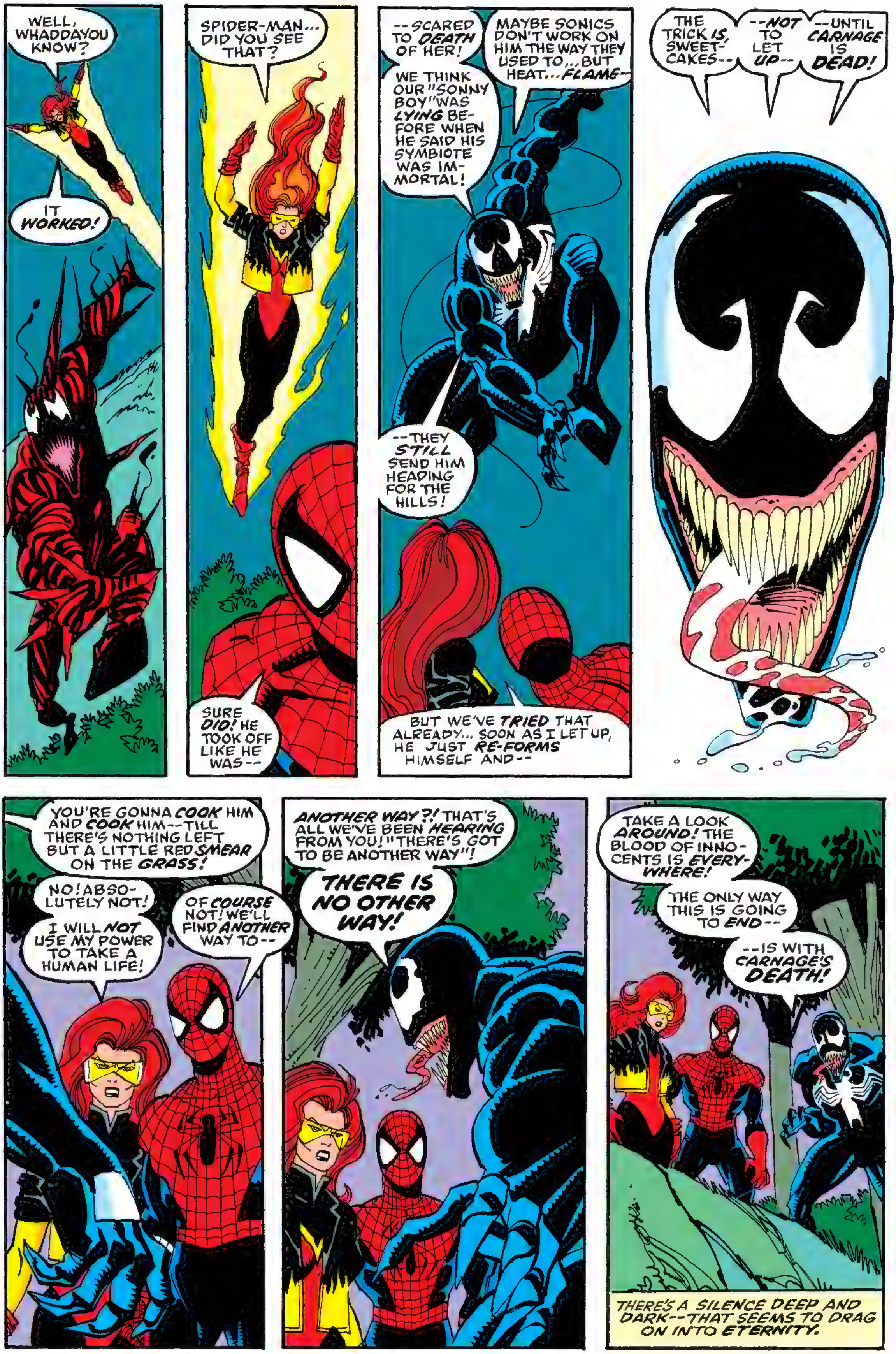

THE PARK.
AH...CLOAK MY DEAR OLD PAL! NICE T'SEE YOU AGAIN!
SHRIEK--YOU MURDERING WITCH!
MURDERER? MOI?
OH...YOU'RE STILL TICKED OFF 'CAUSE I KILLED YOUR LITTLE GIRLFRIEND, DAGGER! I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE SO UPSET ABOUT THAT--
--SHE REALLY WASN'T YOUR TYPE!
BUT...IF SHE MEANS SO MUCH TO YOU...I THINK I CAN ARRANGE FOR YOU TO JOIN HER--
--IN HELL!
SHROOOM!
IF THERE IS AN AFTER-LIFE--YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT DAGGER IS WITH GOD, NOW.
BUT IF IT'S THE OTHER PLACE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN--
--LET ME GIVE YOU A GUIDED TOUR.
NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY! TELEPORTING BEHIND ME!
NOOOOO!!
JOURNEY THROUGH THE DARK DIMENSION WITHIN MY CAPE, MURDERER--
--AND LEARN WHAT SUFFERING TRULY IS.
NONONONO NO TOOMUCH TOOMUCHTOO MUCHTOOMUCH!
AND NOW TO--
YAARRR!

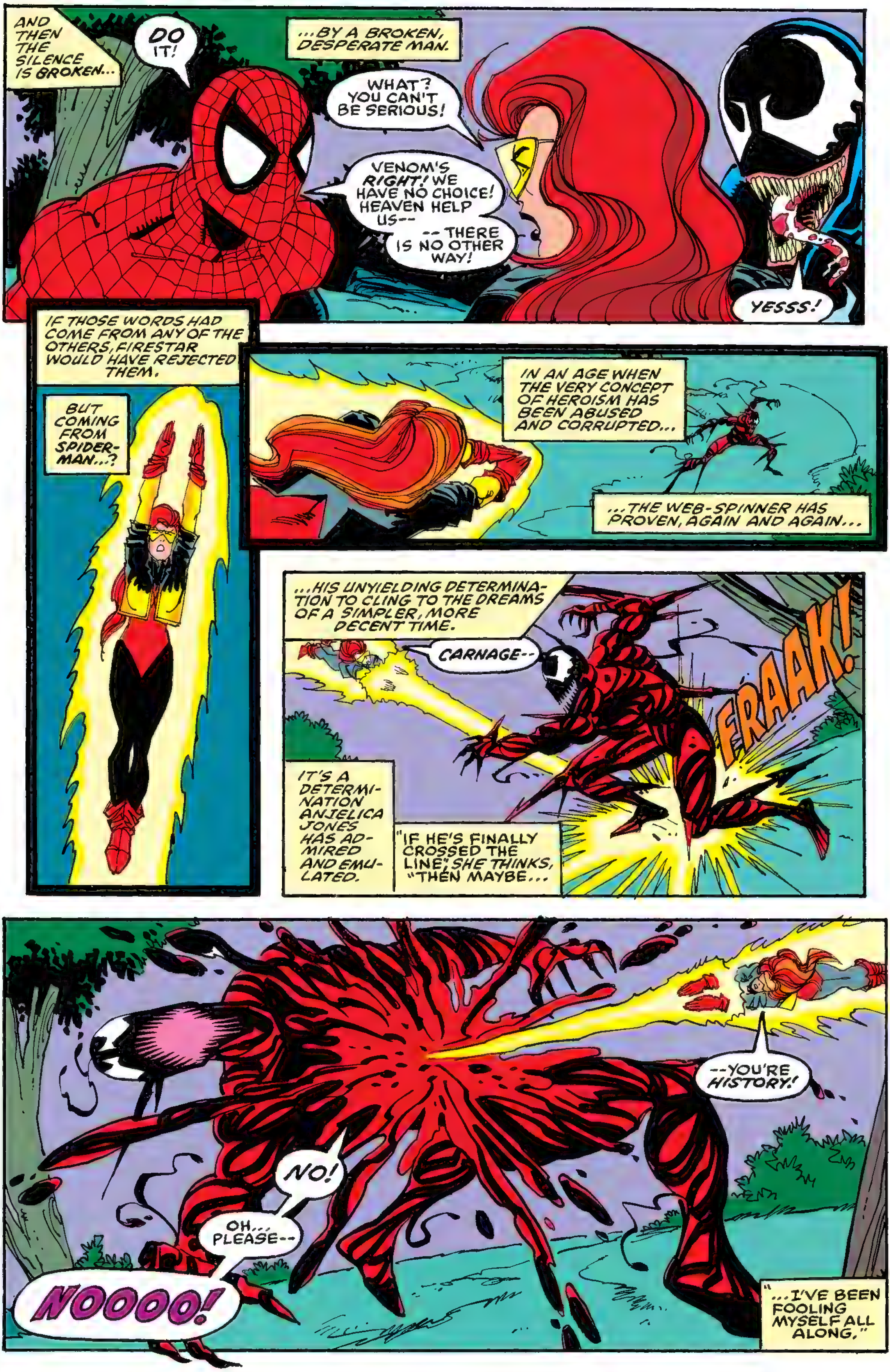

WHATEVER YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME IN THERE, BRIGHT-BOY--
--IS NOTHING I HAVEN'T SEEN BEFORE!
TOOOOM!
REMEMBER? I WAS JUST A DRUGGED-OUT LITTLE GROUPIE... TRYING TO MAKE A SCORE--
--WHEN YOU SHOWED UP AND SUCKED ME INTO THAT PORTABLE MADHOUSE OF YOURS!
I MEAN... I WASN'T WRAPPED TOO TIGHT BEFORE YOU DID ME... BUT THAT TRIP--
SHRAAKK
--HONEY--IT PUSHED ME RIGHT OVER THE EDGE! MADE ME THE GRADE-A LUNATIC I AM TODAY!
YOU GET WHAT I'M SAYING, BRIGHT-BOY? YOU TURNED ME INTO A KILLER! IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU--
--DAGGER'D BE ALIVE TODAY!
NO!!
YES!!
SKOOOM!
FEEL IT, BRIGHT-BOY: THE GUILT... THE ANGER... THE SHAME--
--EXPLODING INSIDE YOU... BLASTING YOUR FRAGILE LITTLE PSYCHE TO PIECES!
DIDN'T KNOW I COULD DO THAT, DID YOU? AMPLIFY YOUR OWN PAIN WITH MY SOUND-BLASTS!

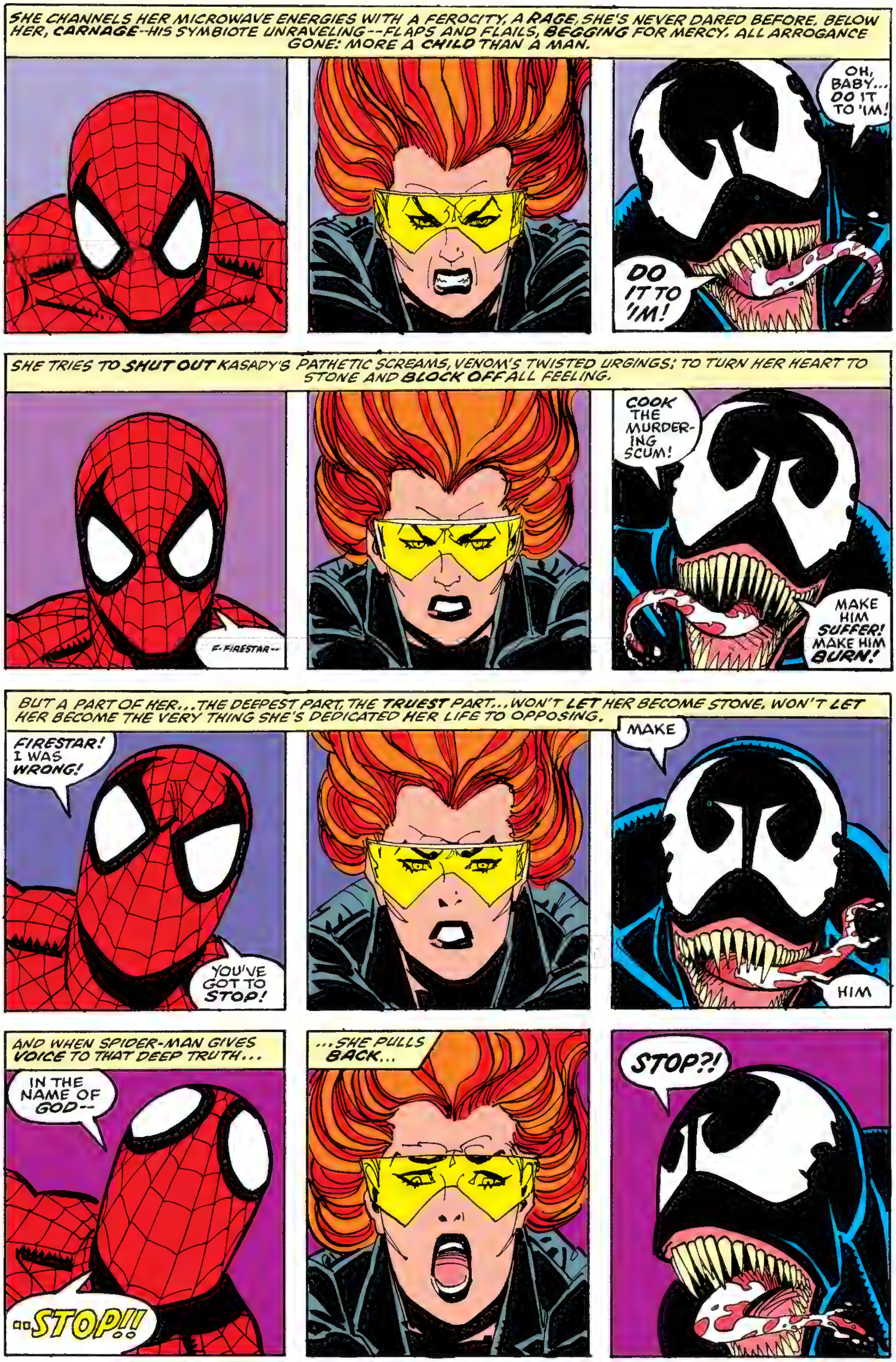

STOP IT! STOP IT! STOP--
--IT!
AWW... POOR LITTLE CLOAKIE RAN AWAY! GUESS HE DIDN'T WANNA HEAR ABOUT THE BEST THING THAT HAPPENED WHEN I FELL INTO WONDERLAND!
Y'SEE, THE DARK DIMENSION... CHANGED ME, MADE ME INTO A KIND OF... PSYCHIC CHANNEL!
I CAN TAKE ALL THE LITTLE BEDBUGS CRAWLING AROUND INSIDE MY HEAD--
--AND TRANSMIT THEM OUT TO ANYONE WHO'S CLOSE TO ME--LIKE THESE CHARMING CITIZENS!
NORMALLY IT JUST SHAKES 'EM UP A LITTLE--BUT SINCE I'VE BEEN HANGING WITH CARNAGE AND SOAKING UP HIS SICK VIBES--
--I MEAN LET'S FACE IT... NEXT TO HIM, I'M DOCTOR JOYCE BROTHERS--
--I'VE BEEN ABLE TO REALLY PUMP UP THE VOLUME! CARNAGE IS THE BATTERY... I'M THE RADIO... AND TOGETHER--
--WE CAN MAKE ANYBODY AS CRAZY AS WE ARE!
OH, MY GOSH! I'M TALKING TO MYSELF LIKE SOME COMIC BOOK CHARACTER! I REALLY MUST BE NUTS!
IF WHAT SHRIEK JUST SAID IS TRUE--THAT EXPLAINS THE WAVE OF VIOLENCE THAT'S BEEN SPREADING ACROSS THE CITY.
AND IF SHE'S TURNING NORMAL FOLKS INTO VIOLENT CASES--
"--WHAT EFFECT IS SHE HAVING ON THE REST OF US?"
IF YOU MORTALS CHOOSE TO SIDE WITH CARNAGE AND HIS VILE BREED--
--THEN YOU MUST SHARE THEIR FA--
HOLD IT!
IDIOT--WHAT DID YOU DO?!
STOPPED HIM WITHOUT KILLING HIM--
--WHICH DOESN'T SOUND VERY IDIOTIC TO ME!
KONK!

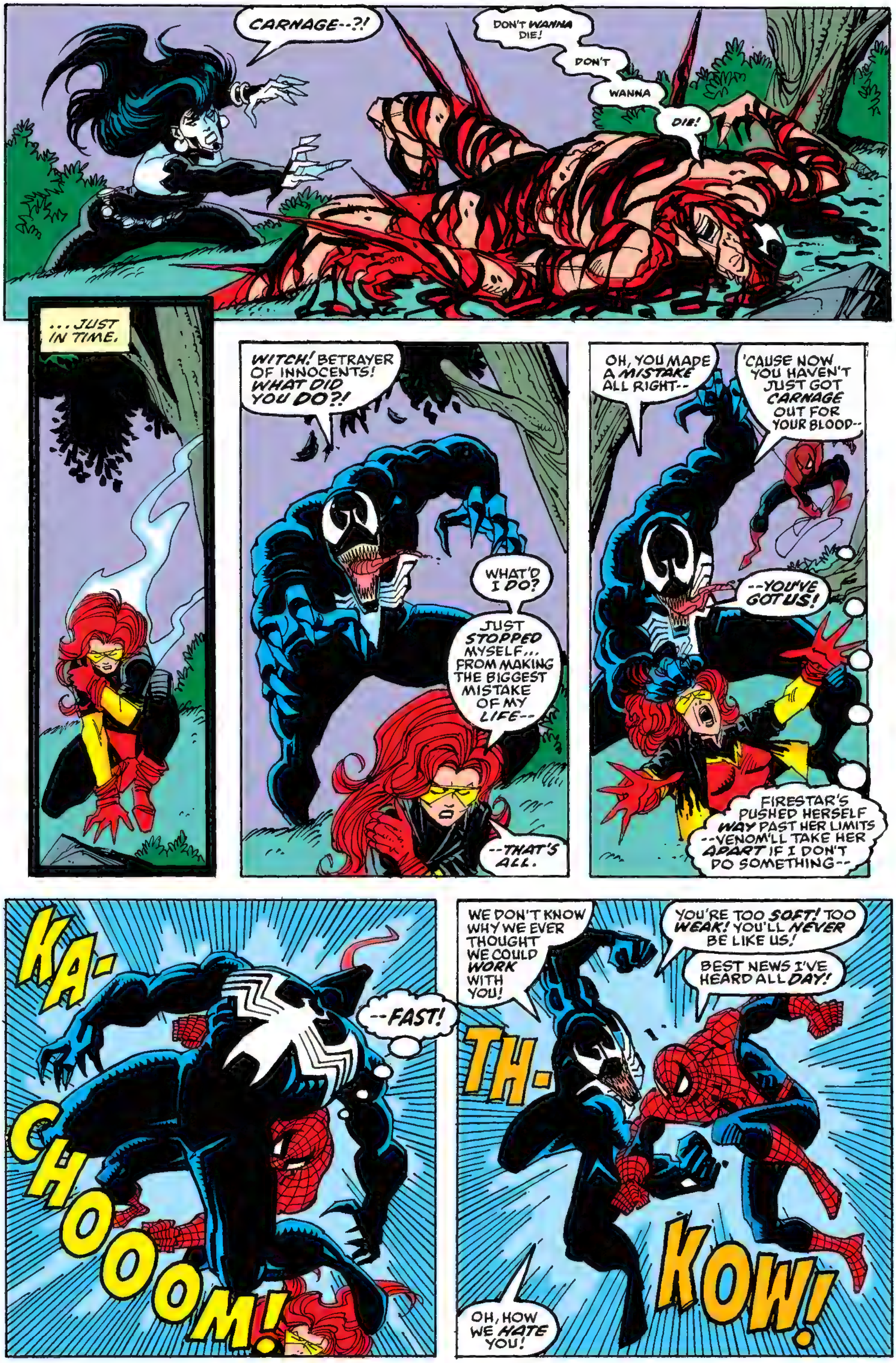

YOUR COMPASSION, WOMAN, WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU!
NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY--
--AND LET ME DO WHAT YOU HAVEN'T THE STOMACH FOR!
HEY!
MAYBE THE SPIDER WAS RIGHT! MORBIUS ...HE'S AS MUCH AN INHUMAN MONSTER AS CARNAGE--
KRAKK!
--IS...
THE "INHUMAN MONSTER" TURNS...
CAT!
...AND HIS EYES ARE FILLED WITH THE SAME CONCERN HE CONDEMNED FELICIA HARDY FOR.
DISTRACTED, HE DOESN'T SEE THE TRUE MONSTER DESCENDING OUT OF THE DARKENING SKY...
YOU SHOULD HEED YOUR OWN WORDS, SINNER!
YOUR COMPASSION--
FWASHOOM!
--WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU!
HAHAHAHA!!

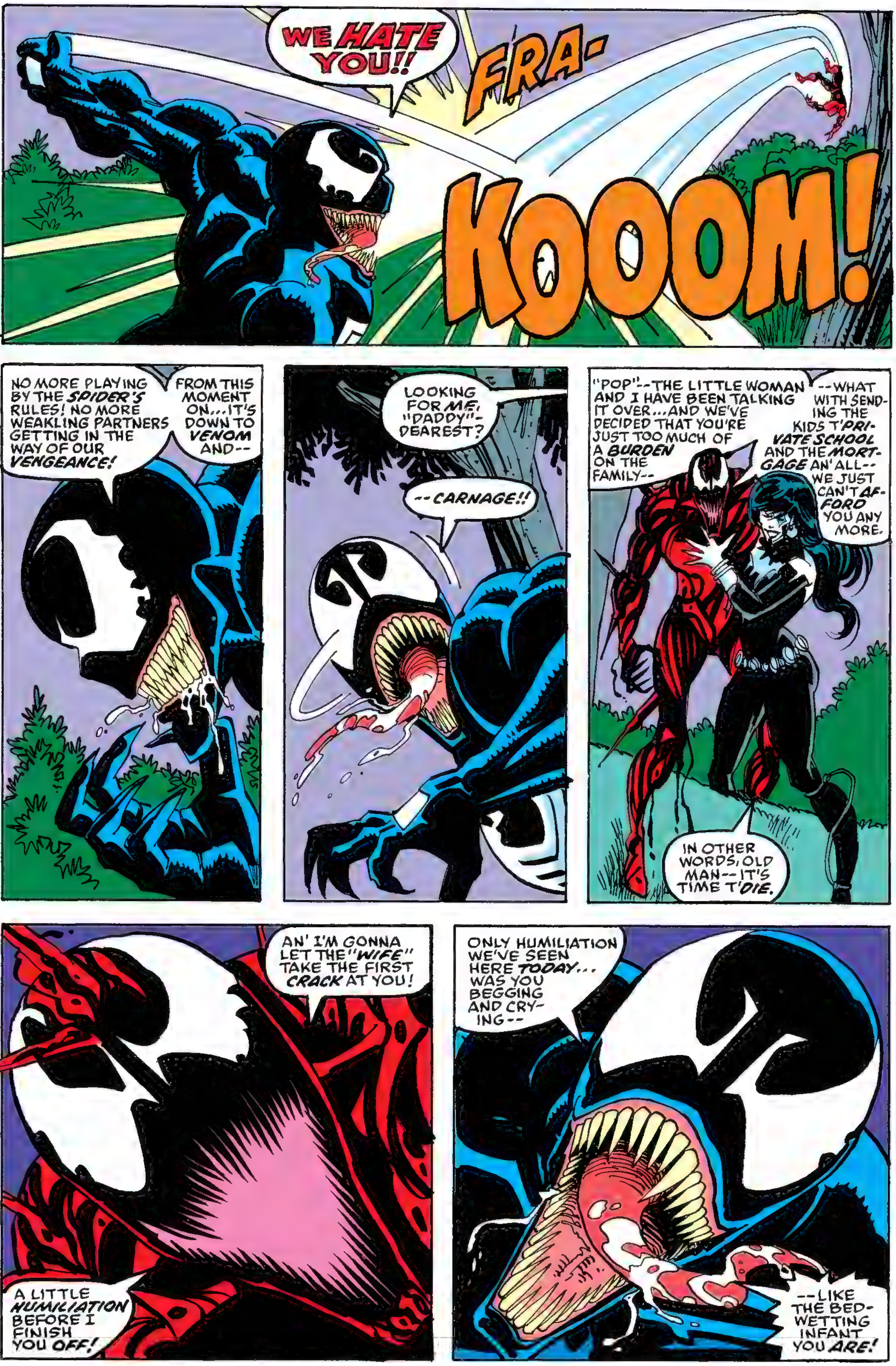

Crazy little bedbugs all in a *row!* Think I'll cut your *livers* out Do it nice'n'*slow!*
Y'KNOW, CARNAGE, I DIDN'T THINK THIS NIGHTMARE COULD GET ANY WORSE--
--BUT NOW THAT I'VE HEARD YOUR *POETRY*--
TH-KOOM!
--I'M *REALLY* SICK TO MY STOMACH!
WHAT? YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE MY *GENIUS?* MY SUBLIME *ARTISTRY?*
MAYBE YOU'LL APPRECIATE ME MORE AFTER I CARVE A BEAUTIFUL SCULPTURE--
--OUT OF YOUR TORN AND BLOODY--
--*FLESH...?!*
GET AWAY FROM
HIM!!
FWA KOOM!

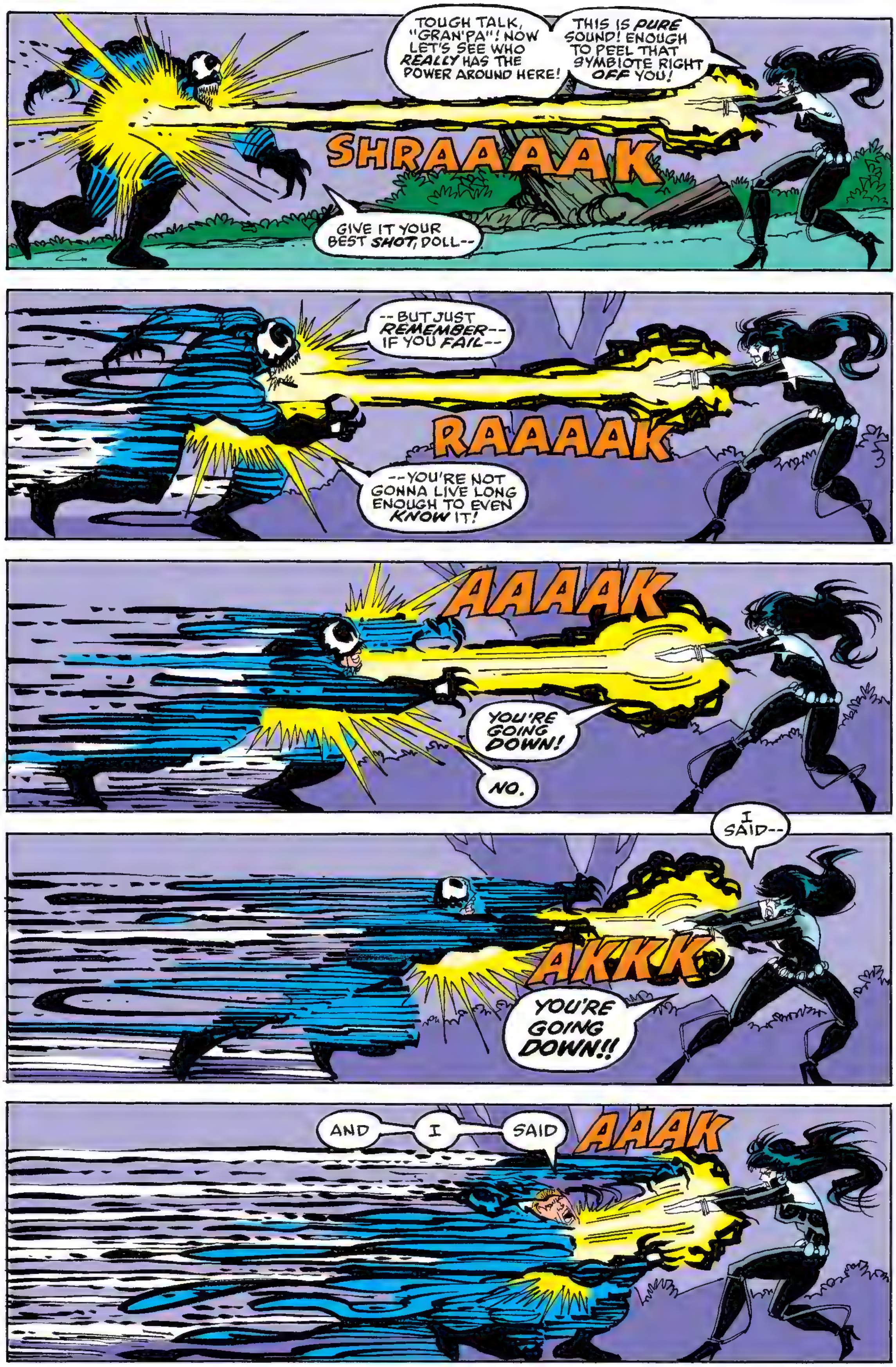

WELL, WHADDAYOU KNOW?
IT WORKED!
SPIDER-MAN... DID YOU SEE THAT?
SURE DID! HE TOOK OFF LIKE HE WAS--
--SCARED TO DEATH OF HER!
WE THINK OUR "SONNY BOY" WAS LYING BEFORE WHEN HE SAID HIS SYMBIOTE WAS IMMORTAL!
MAYBE SONICS DON'T WORK ON HIM THE WAY THEY USED TO... BUT HEAT... FLAME--
--THEY STILL SEND HIM HEADING FOR THE HILLS!
BUT WE'VE TRIED THAT ALREADY... SOON AS I LET UP, HE JUST RE-FORMS HIMSELF AND--
THE TRICK IS, SWEET-CAKES--
--NOT TO LET UP--
--UNTIL CARNAGE IS DEAD!
YOU'RE GONNA COOK HIM AND COOK HIM--TILL THERE'S NOTHING LEFT BUT A LITTLE RED SMEAR ON THE GRASS!
NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT!
I WILL NOT USE MY POWER TO TAKE A HUMAN LIFE!
OF COURSE NOT! WE'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY TO--
ANOTHER WAY?! THAT'S ALL WE'VE BEEN HEARING FROM YOU! "THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY"!
THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!
TAKE A LOOK AROUND! THE BLOOD OF INNOCENTS IS EVERYWHERE!
THE ONLY WAY THIS IS GOING TO END--
--IS WITH CARNAGE'S DEATH!
THERE'S A SILENCE DEEP AND DARK--THAT SEEMS TO DRAG ON INTO ETERNITY.

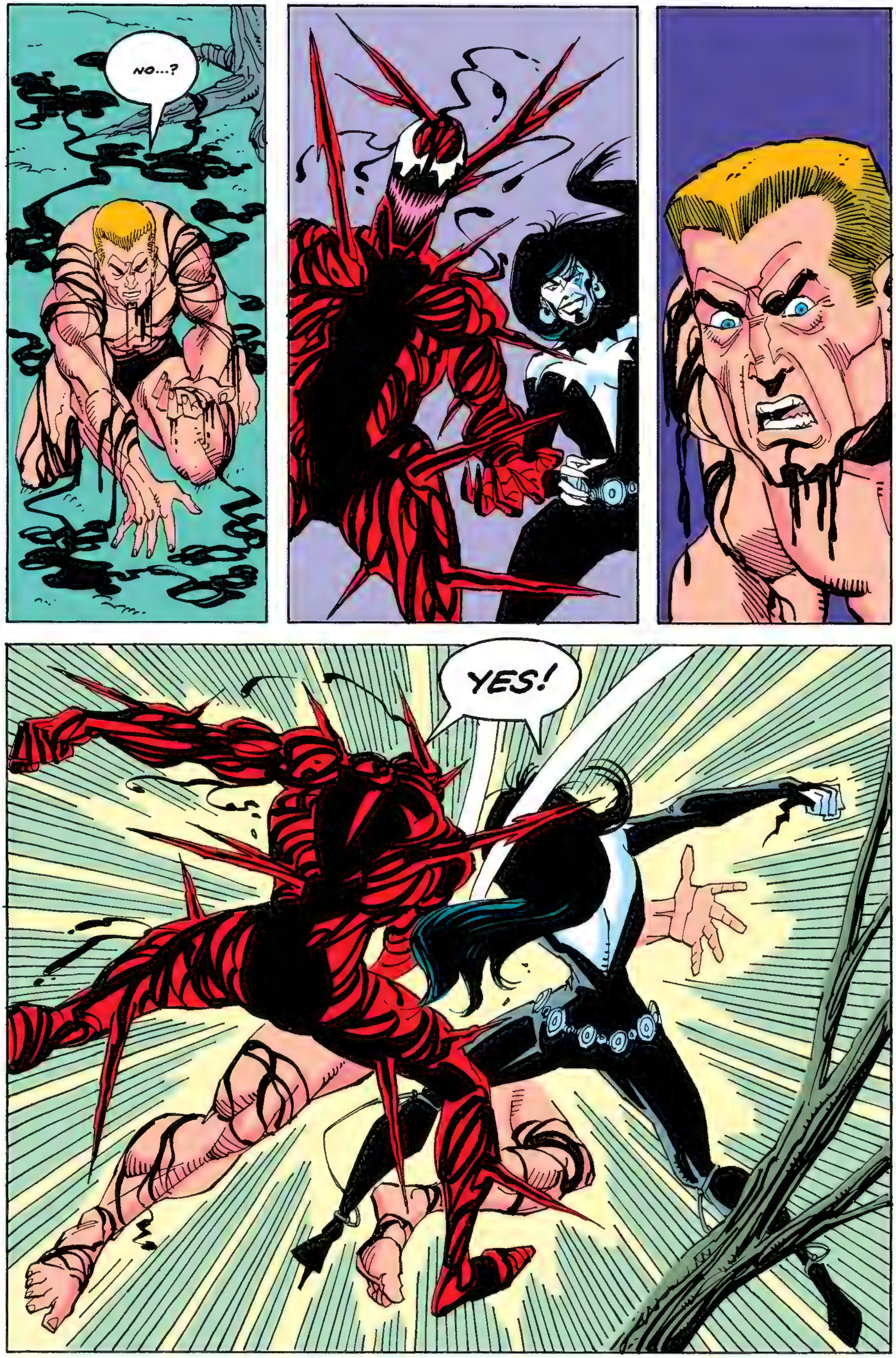

AND THEN THE SILENCE IS BROKEN...
DO IT!
...BY A BROKEN, DESPERATE MAN.
WHAT? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
VENOM'S RIGHT! WE HAVE NO CHOICE! HEAVEN HELP US--
-- THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!
YESSS!
IF THOSE WORDS HAD COME FROM ANY OF THE OTHERS, FIRESTAR WOULD HAVE REJECTED THEM.
BUT COMING FROM SPIDER-MAN...?
IN AN AGE WHEN THE VERY CONCEPT OF HEROISM HAS BEEN ABUSED AND CORRUPTED...
...THE WEB-SPINNER HAS PROVEN, AGAIN AND AGAIN...
...HIS UNYIELDING DETERMINATION TO CLING TO THE DREAMS OF A SIMPLER, MORE DECENT TIME.
CARNAGE--
FRAAK!
IT'S A DETERMINATION ANJELICA JONES HAS ADMIRED AND EMULATED.
"IF HE'S FINALLY CROSSED THE LINE," SHE THINKS, "THEN MAYBE...
--YOU'RE HISTORY!
NO!
OH... PLEASE--
NOOOO!
"...I'VE BEEN FOOLING MYSELF ALL ALONG."


SHE CHANNELS HER MICROWAVE ENERGIES WITH A FEROCITY, A RAGE, SHE'S NEVER DARED BEFORE. BELOW HER, CARNAGE--HIS SYMBIOTE UNRAVELING--FLAPS AND FLAILS, BEGGING FOR MERCY. ALL ARROGANCE GONE: MORE A CHILD THAN A MAN.
OH, BABY... DO IT TO 'IM!
DO IT TO 'IM!
SHE TRIES TO SHUT OUT KASADY'S PATHETIC SCREAMS, VENOM'S TWISTED URGINGS; TO TURN HER HEART TO STONE AND BLOCK OFF ALL FEELING.
F-FIRESTAR--
COOK THE MURDERING SCUM!
MAKE HIM SUFFER! MAKE HIM BURN!
BUT A PART OF HER...THE DEEPEST PART, THE TRUEST PART...WON'T LET HER BECOME STONE. WON'T LET HER BECOME THE VERY THING SHE'S DEDICATED HER LIFE TO OPPOSING.
FIRESTAR! I WAS WRONG!
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP!
MAKE
HIM
AND WHEN SPIDER-MAN GIVES VOICE TO THAT DEEP TRUTH...
IN THE NAME OF GOD--
--STOP!!
...SHE PULLS BACK...
STOP?!


CARNAGE--?!
DON'T WANNA DIE!
DON'T
WANNA
DIE!
...JUST IN TIME.
WITCH! BETRAYER OF INNOCENTS! WHAT DID YOU DO?!
WHAT'D I DO?
JUST STOPPED MYSELF... FROM MAKING THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF MY LIFE--
--THAT'S ALL.
OH, YOU MADE A MISTAKE ALL RIGHT--
'CAUSE NOW YOU HAVEN'T JUST GOT CARNAGE OUT FOR YOUR BLOOD--
--YOU'VE GOT US!
FIRESTAR'S PUSHED HERSELF WAY PAST HER LIMITS --VENOM'LL TAKE HER APART IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING--
KA-CHOOOOM!
--FAST!
WE DON'T KNOW WHY WE EVER THOUGHT WE COULD WORK WITH YOU!
YOU'RE TOO SOFT! TOO WEAK! YOU'LL NEVER BE LIKE US!
BEST NEWS I'VE HEARD ALL DAY!
TH-
KOW!
OH, HOW WE HATE YOU!


WE *HATE* YOU!!
FRA-
KOOOM!
NO MORE PLAYING BY THE *SPIDER'S* RULES! NO MORE WEAKLING PARTNERS GETTING IN THE WAY OF OUR *VENGEANCE!*
FROM THIS MOMENT ON... IT'S DOWN TO *VENOM* AND--
LOOKING FOR *ME*, "DADDY"-DEAREST?
--*CARNAGE!!*
"POP"--THE LITTLE WOMAN AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING IT OVER... AND WE'VE DECIDED THAT YOU'RE JUST TOO MUCH OF A *BURDEN* ON THE FAMILY--
--WHAT WITH SENDING THE KIDS T'*PRIVATE SCHOOL* AND THE *MORTGAGE* AN' ALL--WE JUST CAN'T *AFFORD* YOU ANY MORE.
IN OTHER WORDS, OLD MAN--IT'S TIME T'*DIE.*
AN' I'M GONNA LET THE "*WIFE*" TAKE THE FIRST *CRACK* AT YOU!
A LITTLE *HUMILIATION* BEFORE I FINISH YOU *OFF!*
ONLY HUMILIATION WE'VE SEEN HERE *TODAY...* WAS YOU BEGGING AND CRYING--
--LIKE THE BED-WETTING INFANT YOU *ARE!*


TOUGH TALK, "GRAN'PA"! NOW LET'S SEE WHO REALLY HAS THE POWER AROUND HERE!
THIS IS PURE SOUND! ENOUGH TO PEEL THAT SYMBIOTE RIGHT OFF YOU!
SHRAAAAAK
GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT, DOLL--
--BUT JUST REMEMBER-- IF YOU FAIL--
RAAAAAK
--YOU'RE NOT GONNA LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO EVEN KNOW IT!
AAAAK
YOU'RE GOING DOWN!
NO.
I SAID--
AKKK
YOU'RE GOING DOWN!!
AND
I
SAID
AAAK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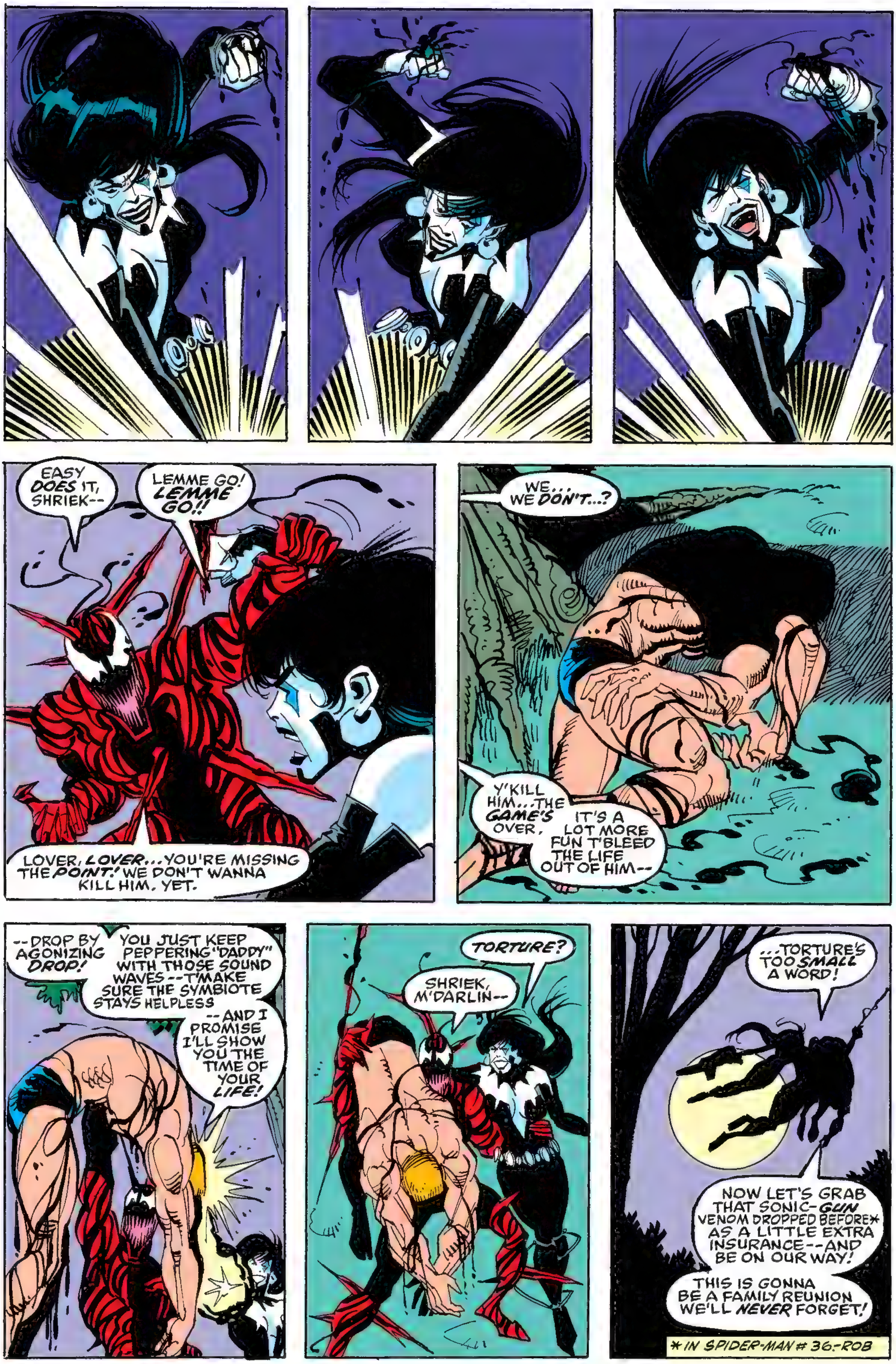
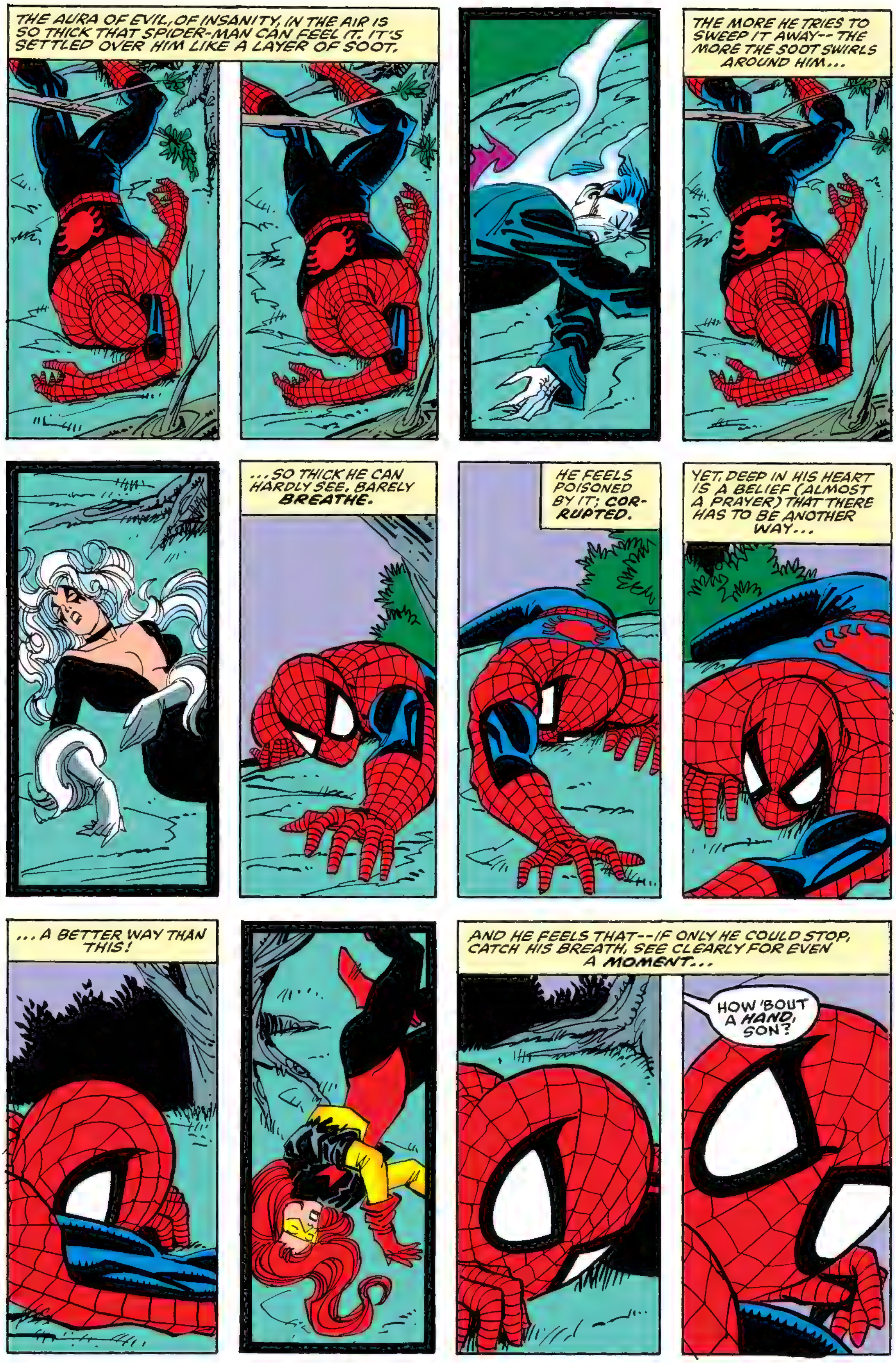
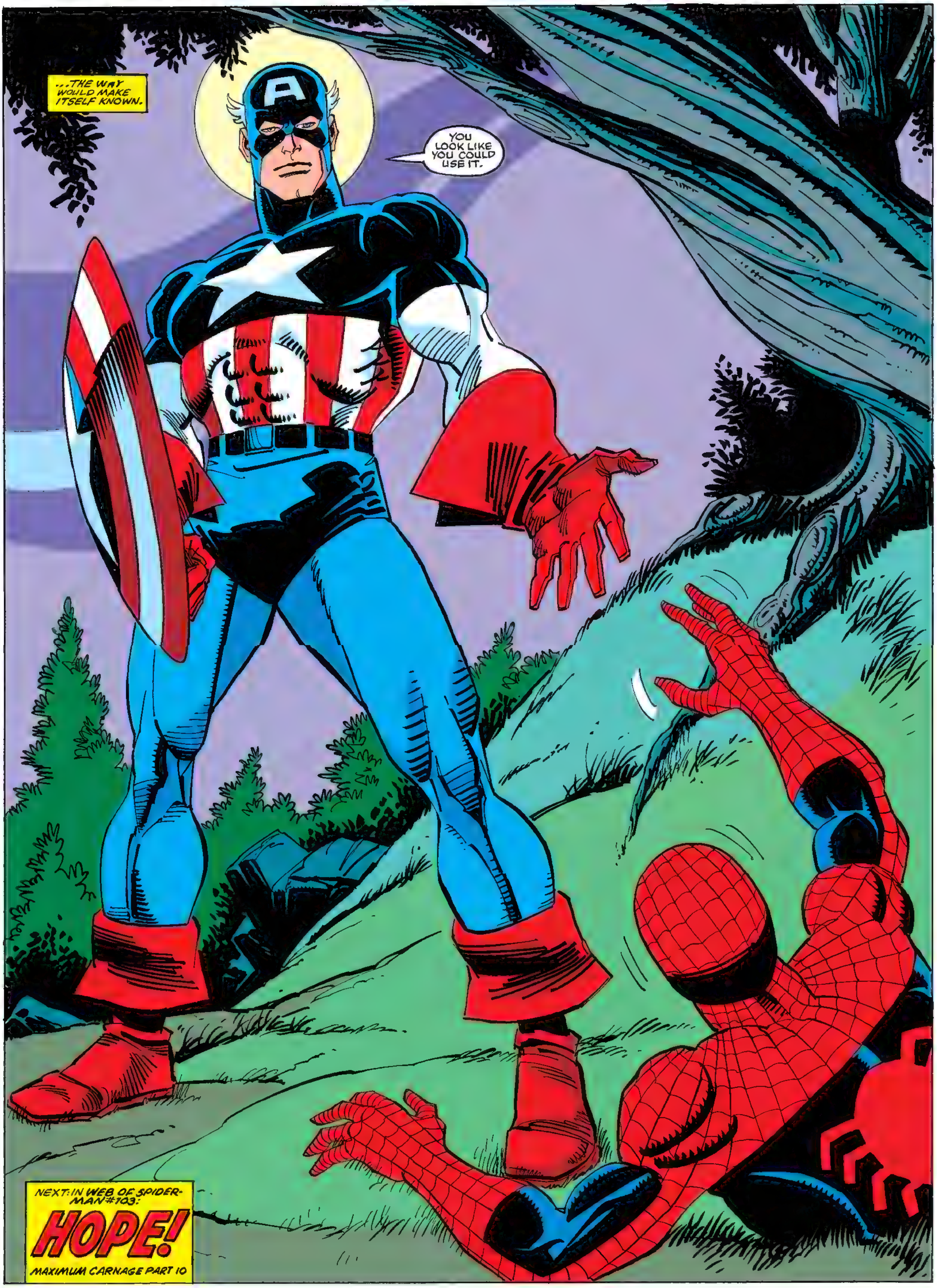
YES!


EASY *DOES* IT, SHRIEK--
LEMME GO! *LEMME GO!!*
LOVER, *LOVER*... YOU'RE MISSING THE *POINT!* WE DON'T WANNA KILL HIM. YET.
WE... WE *DON'T*...?
Y'KILL HIM... THE *GAME'S* OVER.
IT'S A LOT MORE FUN T'BLEED THE LIFE OUT OF HIM--
--DROP BY AGONIZING *DROP!*
YOU JUST KEEP PEPPERING "DADDY" WITH THOSE SOUND WAVES--T'MAKE SURE THE SYMBIOTE STAYS HELPLESS
--AND I PROMISE I'LL SHOW YOU THE TIME OF YOUR *LIFE!*
TORTURE?
SHRIEK, M'DARLIN--
...TORTURE'S TOO *SMALL* A WORD!
NOW LET'S GRAB THAT SONIC-*GUN* VENOM DROPPED BEFORE* AS A LITTLE EXTRA INSURANCE--AND BE ON OUR WAY!
THIS IS GONNA BE A FAMILY REUNION WE'LL *NEVER* FORGET!
*IN SPIDER-MAN #36.-ROB


THE AURA OF EVIL, OF INSANITY, IN THE AIR IS SO THICK THAT SPIDER-MAN CAN FEEL IT. IT'S SETTLED OVER HIM LIKE A LAYER OF SOOT.
THE MORE HE TRIES TO SWEEP IT AWAY-- THE MORE THE SOOT SWIRLS AROUND HIM...
...SO THICK HE CAN HARDLY SEE. BARELY **BREATHE.**
HE FEELS POISONED BY IT; **CORRUPTED.**
YET, DEEP IN HIS HEART IS A BELIEF (ALMOST A PRAYER) THAT THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY...
...A BETTER WAY THAN THIS!
AND HE FEELS THAT--IF ONLY HE COULD STOP, CATCH HIS BREATH, SEE CLEARLY FOR EVEN A **MOMENT...**
HOW 'BOUT A **HAND,** SON?


...THE WAY WOULD MAKE ITSELF KNOWN.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE IT.
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HOPE!
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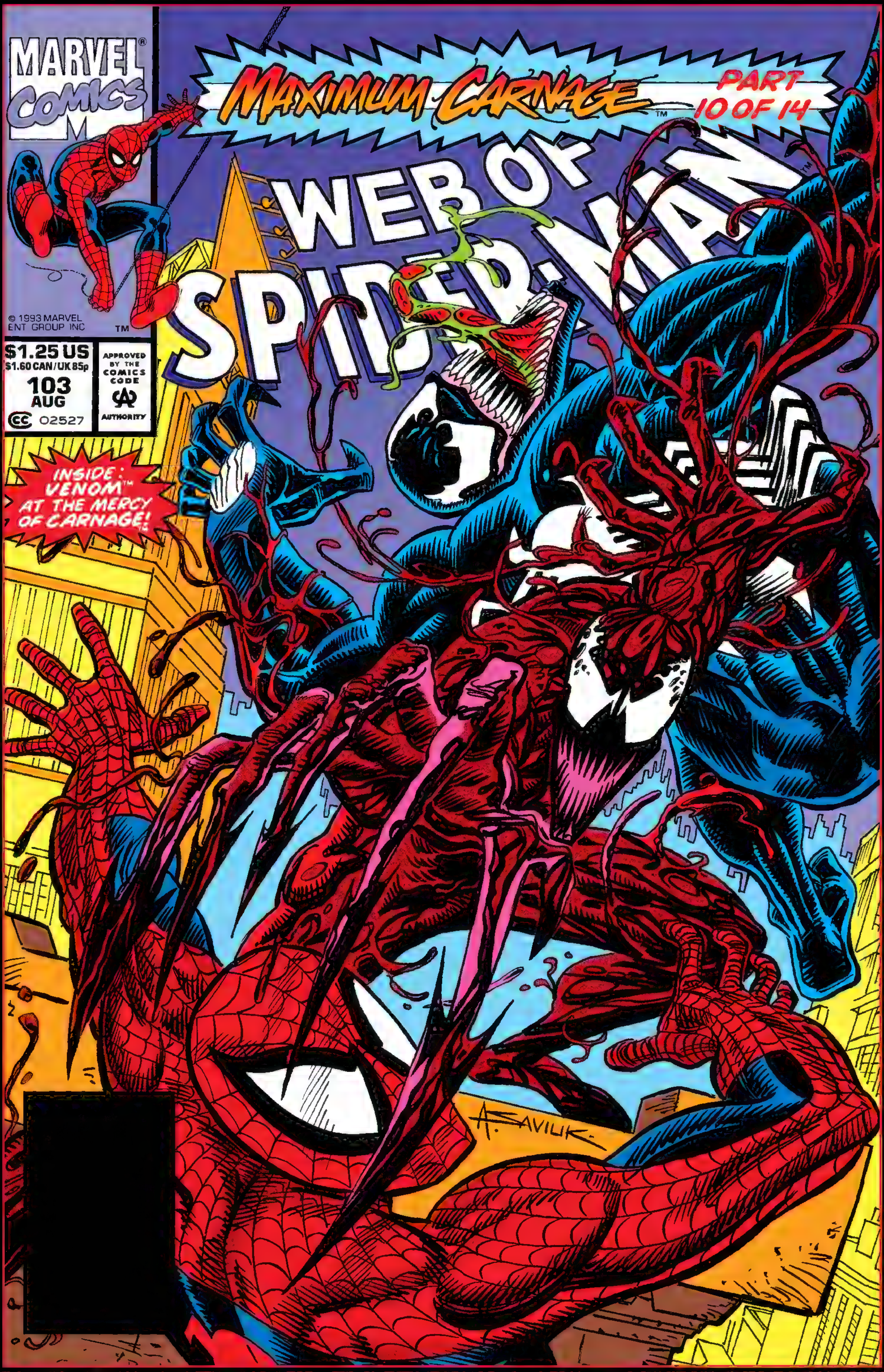
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BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT ***PETER PARKER*** *GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!*

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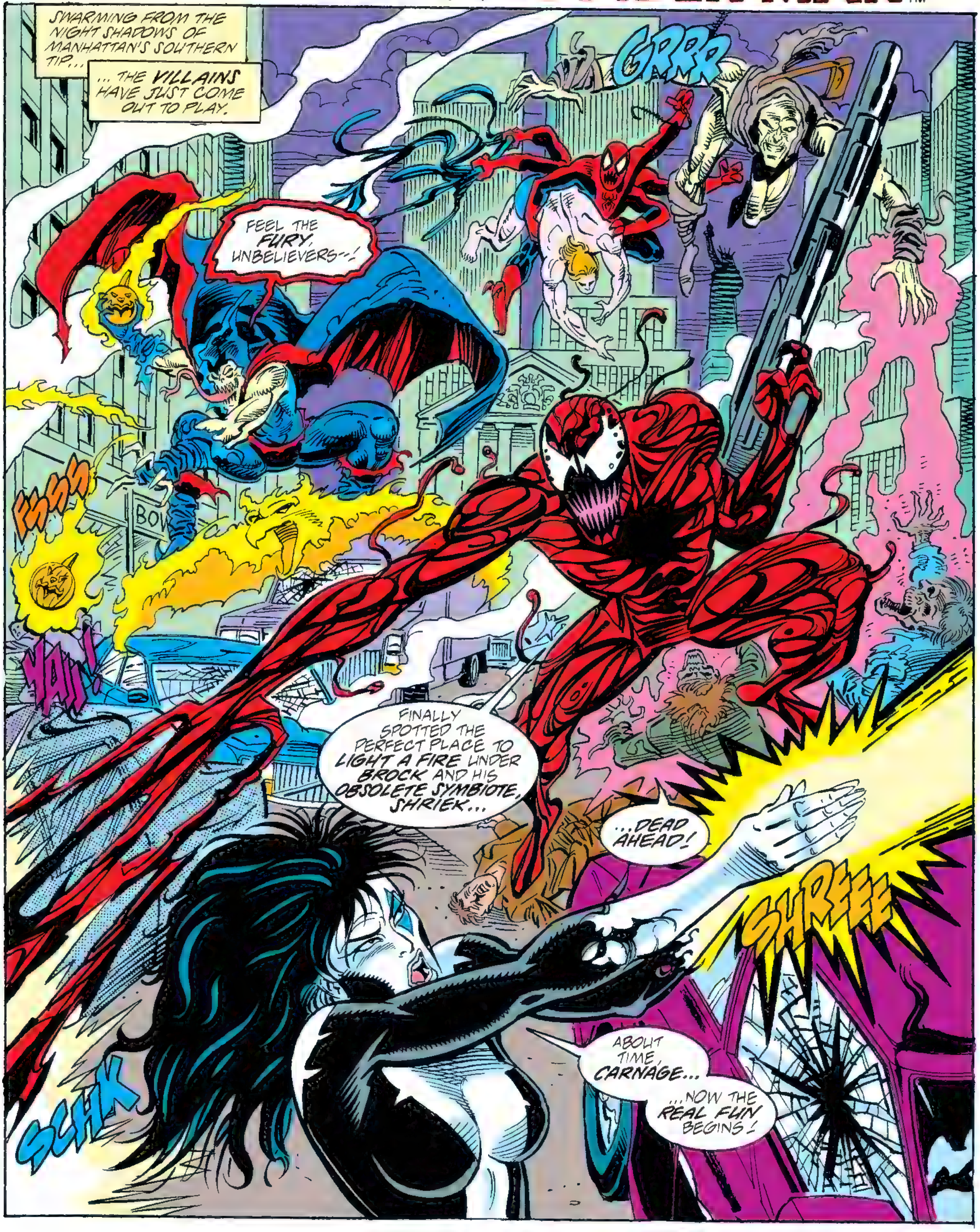
SWARMING FROM THE NIGHT SHADOWS OF MANHATTAN'S SOUTHERN TIP...
...THE VILLAINS HAVE JUST COME OUT TO PLAY.
GRRR
FEEL THE FURY, UNBELIEVERS--!
FSSS
BOW
YAAI!
FINALLY SPOTTED THE PERFECT PLACE TO LIGHT A FIRE UNDER BROCK AND HIS OBSOLETE SYMBIOTE, SHRIEK...
...DEAD AHEAD!
SHREEE
ABOUT TIME, CARNAGE...
...NOW THE REAL FUN BEGINS!
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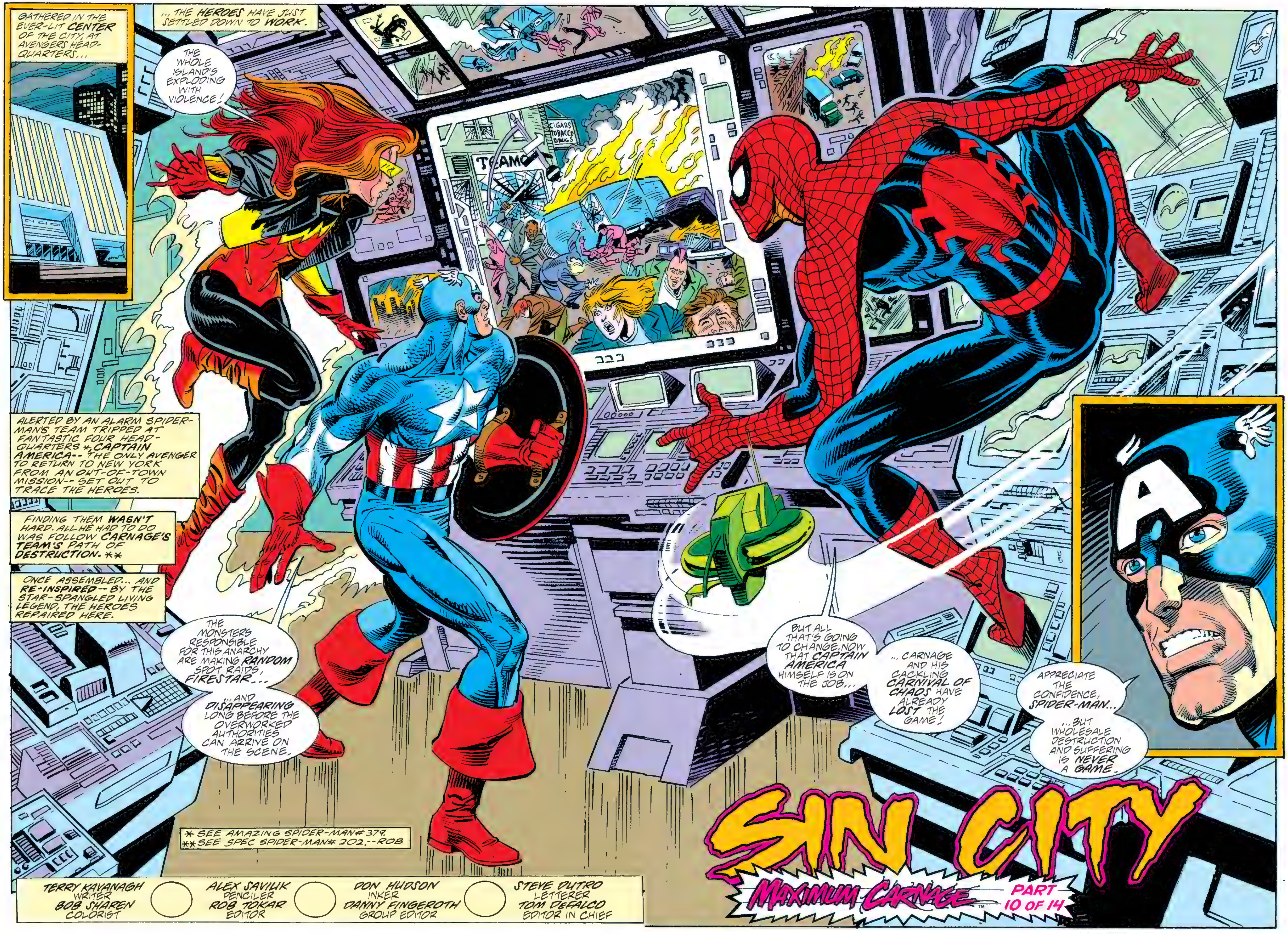
GATHERED IN THE EVER-LIT CENTER OF THE CITY, AT AVENGERS HEADQUARTERS...
...THE HEROES HAVE JUST SETTLED DOWN TO WORK.
THE WHOLE ISLAND'S EXPLODING WITH VIOLENCE!
CIGARS TOBACCO DRUGS
ALERTED BY AN ALARM SPIDER-MAN'S TEAM TRIPPED AT FANTASTIC FOUR HEADQUARTERS*, CAPTAIN AMERICA--THE ONLY AVENGER TO RETURN TO NEW YORK FROM AN OUT-OF-TOWN MISSION--SET OUT TO TRACE THE HEROES.
FINDING THEM WASN'T HARD. ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS FOLLOW CARNAGE'S TEAM'S PATH OF DESTRUCTION.**
ONCE ASSEMBLED... AND RE-INSPIRED--BY THE STAR-SPANGLED LIVING LEGEND, THE HEROES REPAIRED HERE.
THE MONSTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ANARCHY ARE MAKING RANDOM SPOT RAIDS, FIRESTAR...
...AND DISAPPEARING LONG BEFORE THE OVERWORKED AUTHORITIES CAN ARRIVE ON THE SCENE.
BUT ALL THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE, NOW THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA HIMSELF IS ON THE JOB...
...CARNAGE AND HIS CACKLING CARNIVAL OF CHAOS HAVE ALREADY LOST THE GAME!
APPRECIATE THE CONFIDENCE, SPIDER-MAN...
...BUT WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION AND SUFFERING IS NEVER A GAME.
*SEE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #379.
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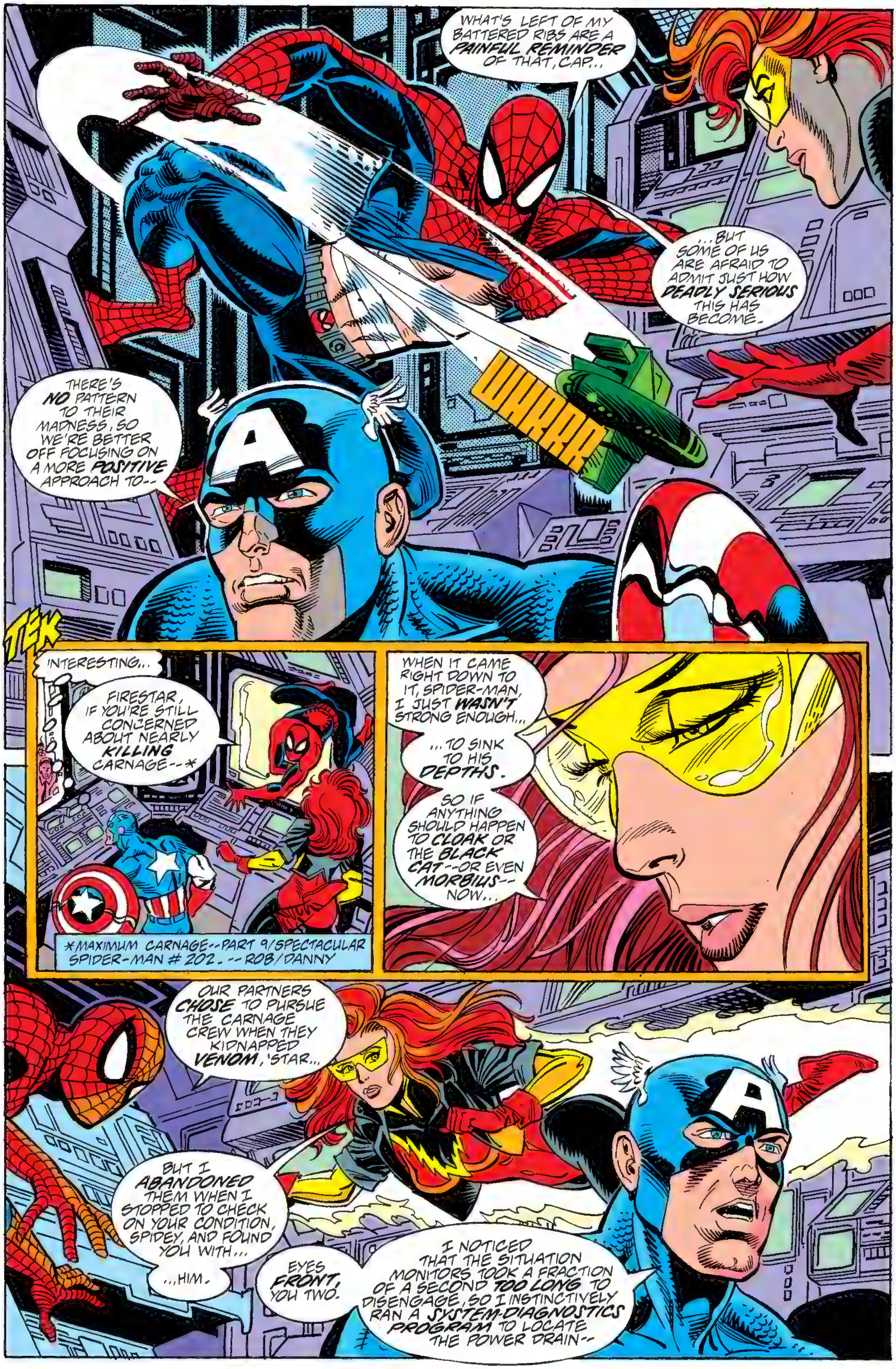
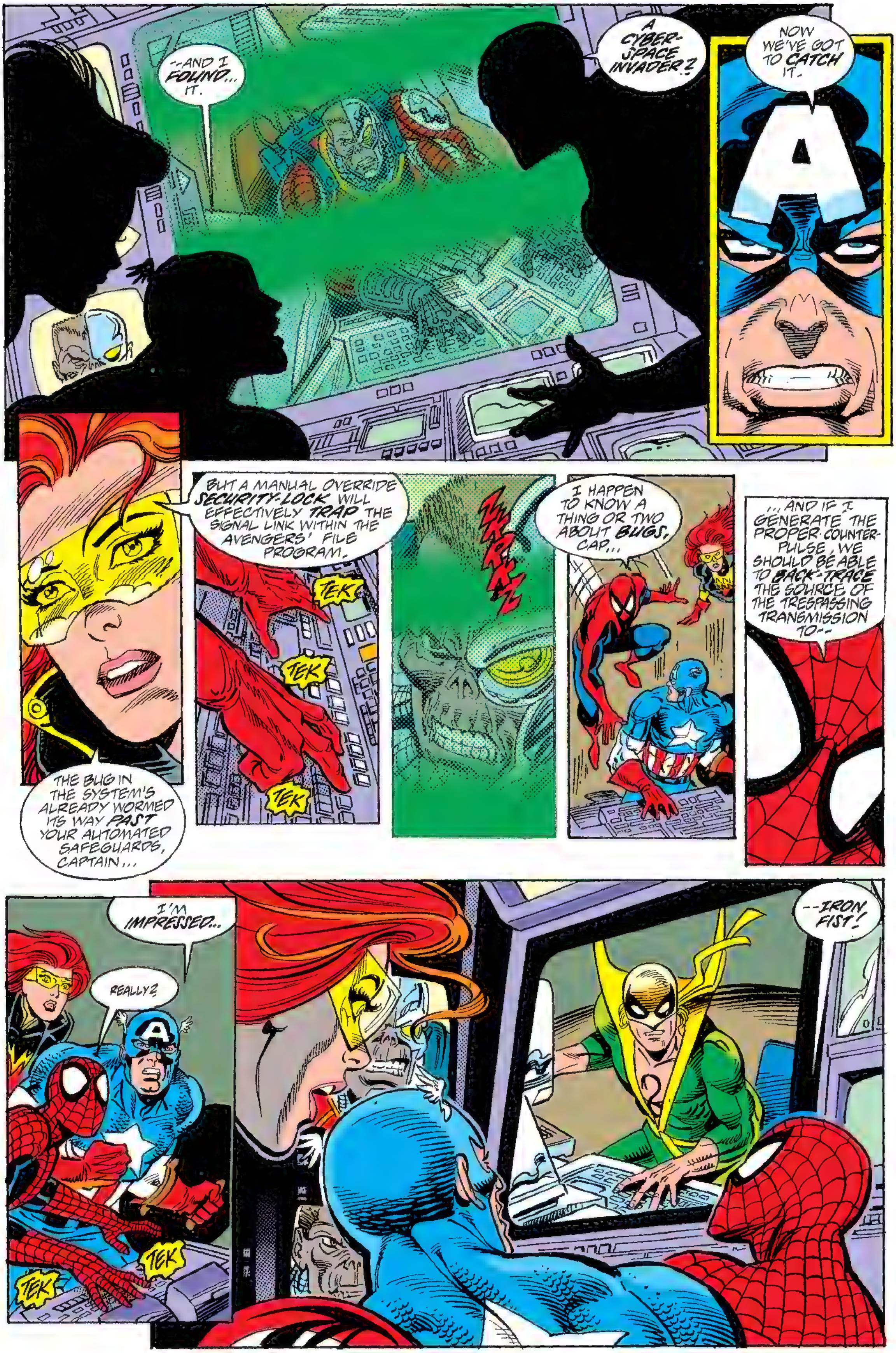
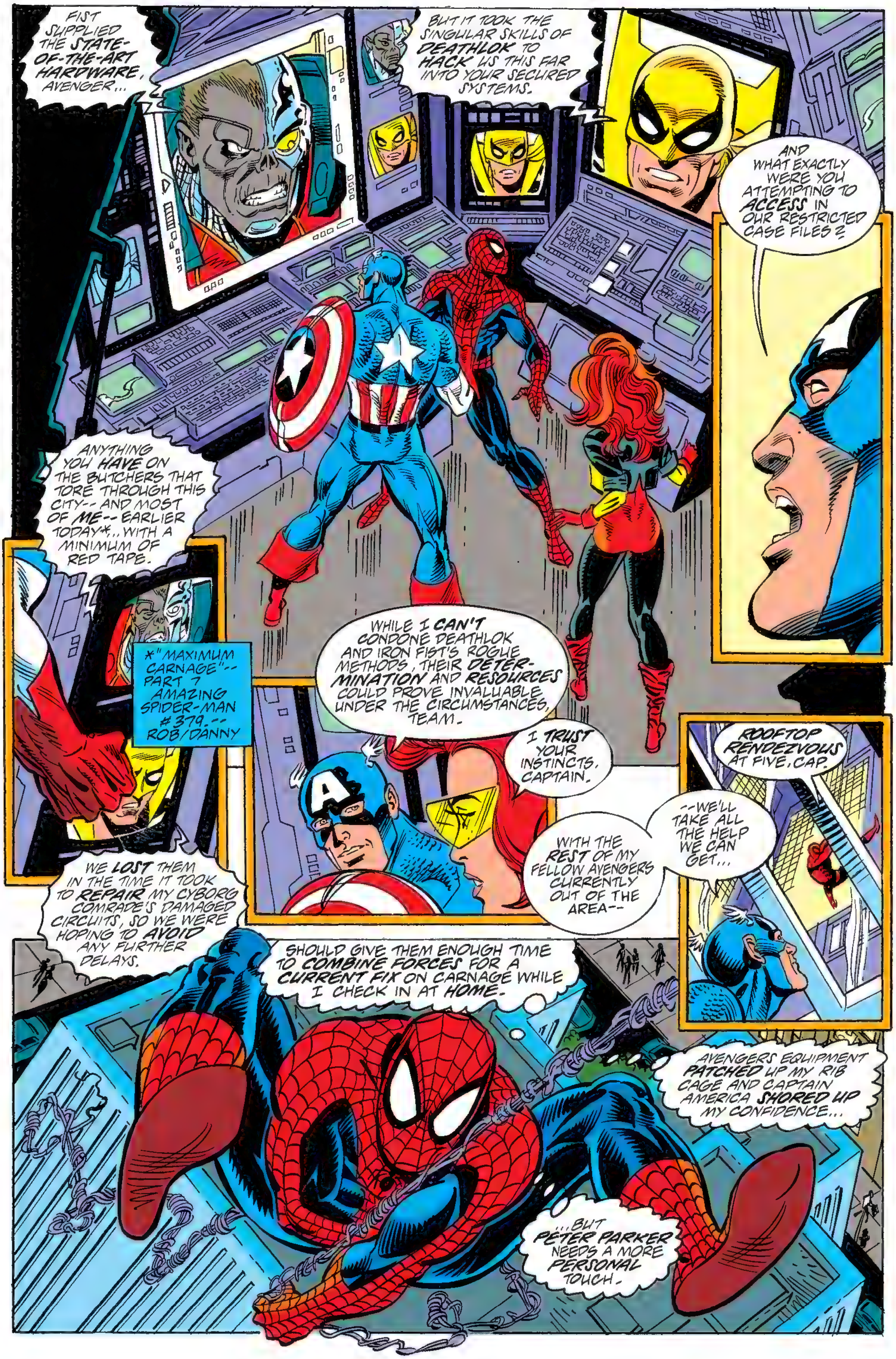
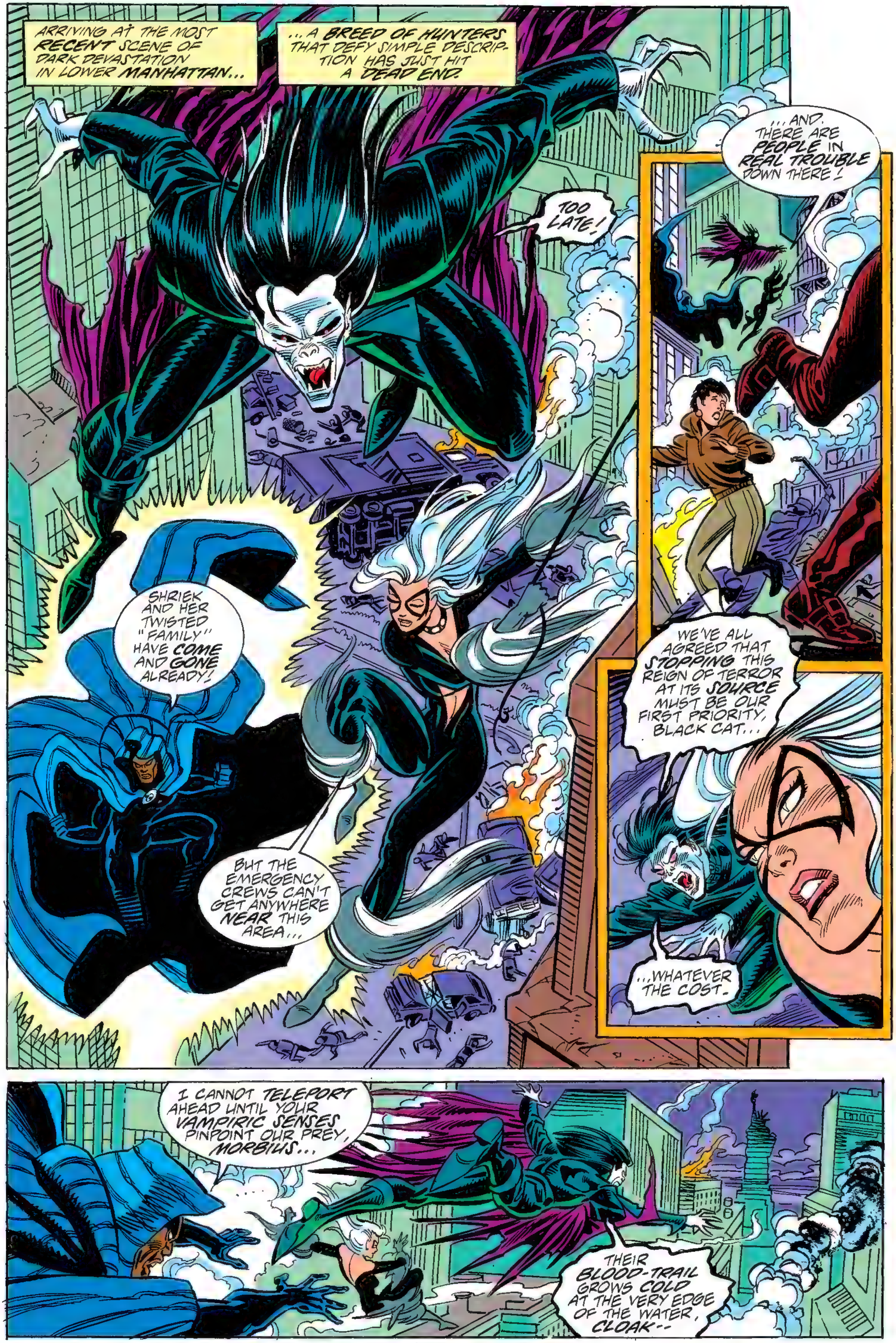
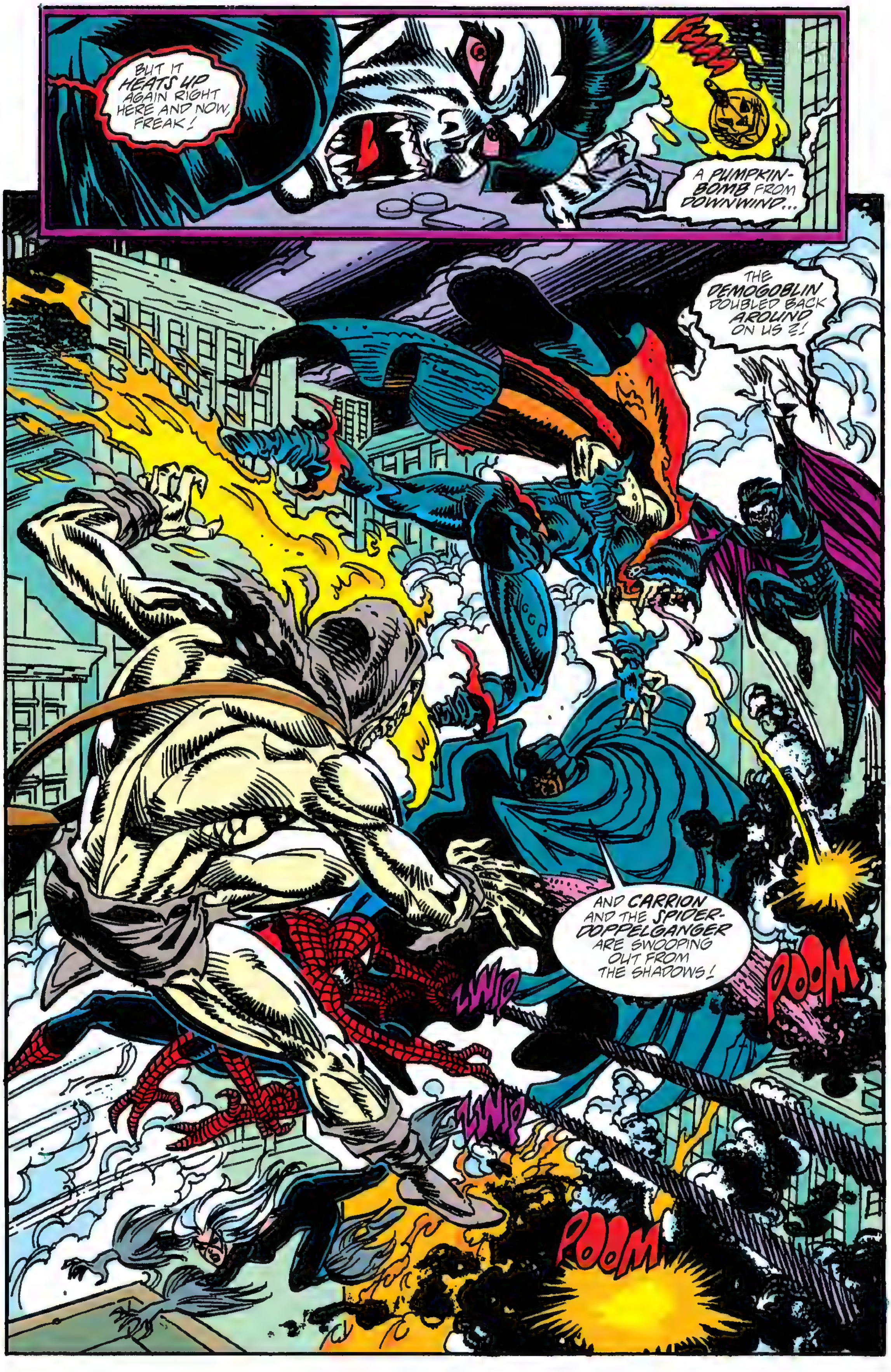
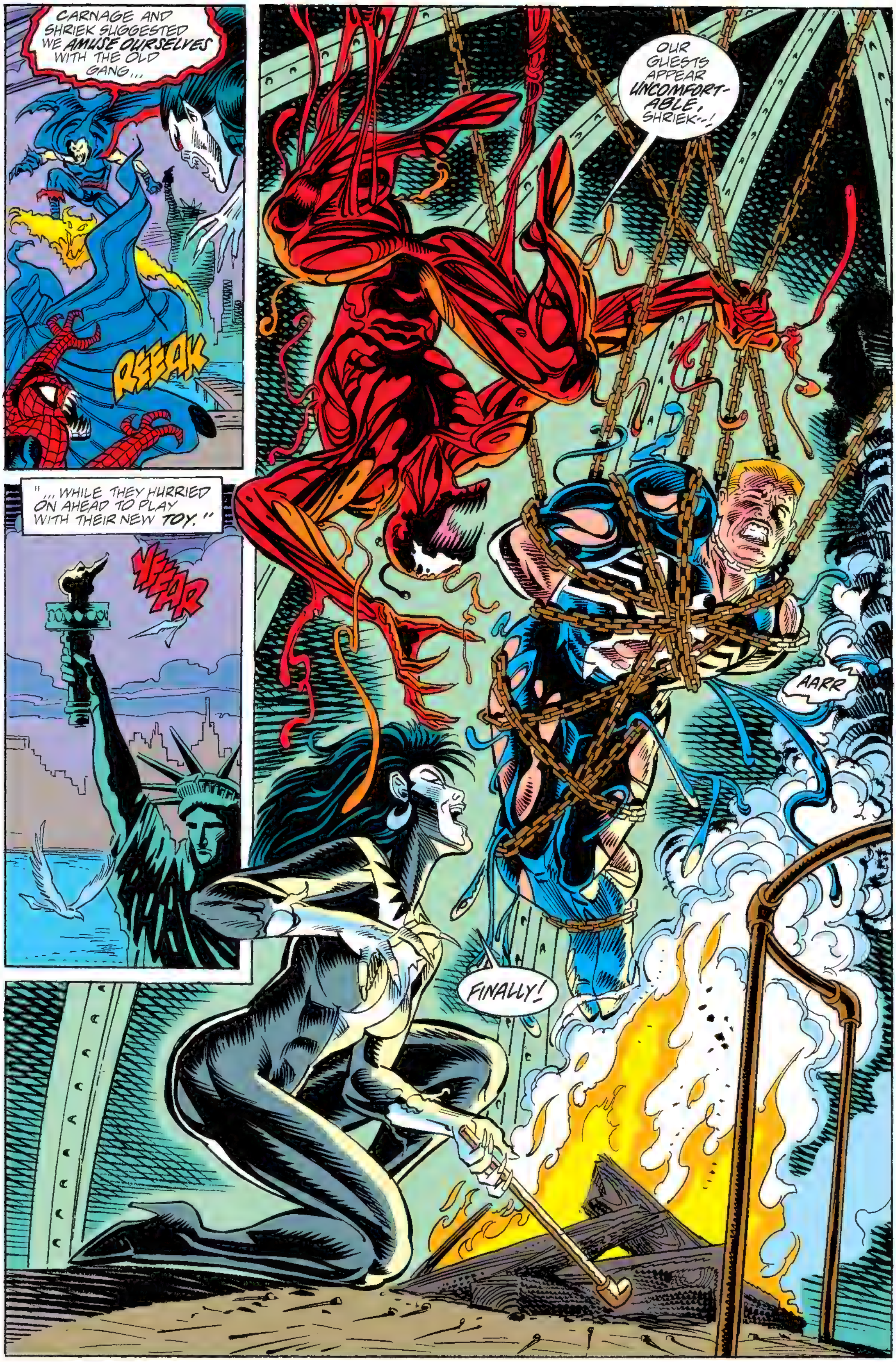

WHAT'S LEFT OF MY BATTERED RIBS ARE A PAINFUL REMINDER OF THAT, CAP...
...BUT SOME OF US ARE AFRAID TO ADMIT JUST HOW DEADLY SERIOUS THIS HAS BECOME.
THERE'S NO PATTERN TO THEIR MADNESS, SO WE'RE BETTER OFF FOCUSING ON A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH TO--
WHRRR
TEK
INTERESTING...
FIRESTAR, IF YOU'RE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT NEARLY KILLING CARNAGE--*
*MAXIMUM CARNAGE--PART 9/SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #202.--ROB/DANNY
WHEN IT CAME RIGHT DOWN TO IT, SPIDER-MAN, I JUST WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH...
...TO SINK TO HIS DEPTHS.
SO IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO CLOAK OR THE BLACK CAT--OR EVEN MORBIUS--NOW...
OUR PARTNERS CHOSE TO PURSUE THE CARNAGE CREW WHEN THEY KIDNAPPED VENOM, 'STAR...
BUT I ABANDONED THEM WHEN I STOPPED TO CHECK ON YOUR CONDITION, SPIDEY, AND FOUND YOU WITH...
...HIM.
EYES FRONT, YOU TWO.
I NOTICED THAT THE SITUATION MONITORS TOOK A FRACTION OF A SECOND TOO LONG TO DISENGAGE, SO I INSTINCTIVELY RAN A SYSTEM-DIAGNOSTICS PROGRAM TO LOCATE THE POWER DRAIN--

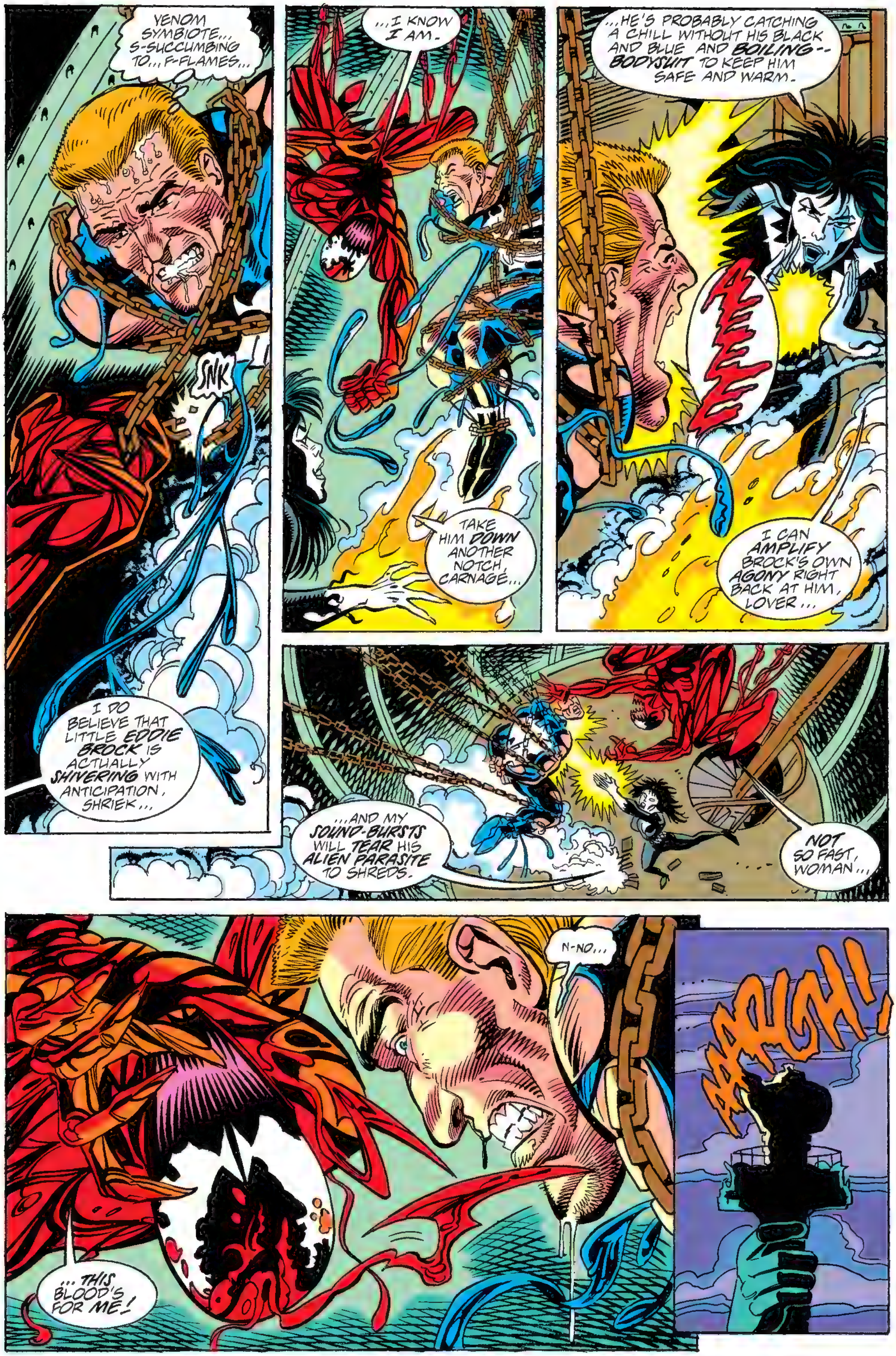

--AND I FOUND... IT.
A CYBER-SPACE INVADER?
NOW WE'VE GOT TO CATCH IT.
THE BUG IN THE SYSTEM'S ALREADY WORMED ITS WAY PAST YOUR AUTOMATED SAFEGUARDS, CAPTAIN...
BUT A MANUAL OVERRIDE SECURITY-LOCK WILL EFFECTIVELY TRAP THE SIGNAL LINK WITHIN THE AVENGERS' FILE PROGRAM.
TEK
TEK
TEK
I HAPPEN TO KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT BUGS, CAP...
...AND IF I GENERATE THE PROPER COUNTER-PULSE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BACK-TRACE THE SOURCE OF THE TRESPASSING TRANSMISSION TO--
I'M IMPRESSED...
REALLY?
TEK
TEK
--IRON FIST!

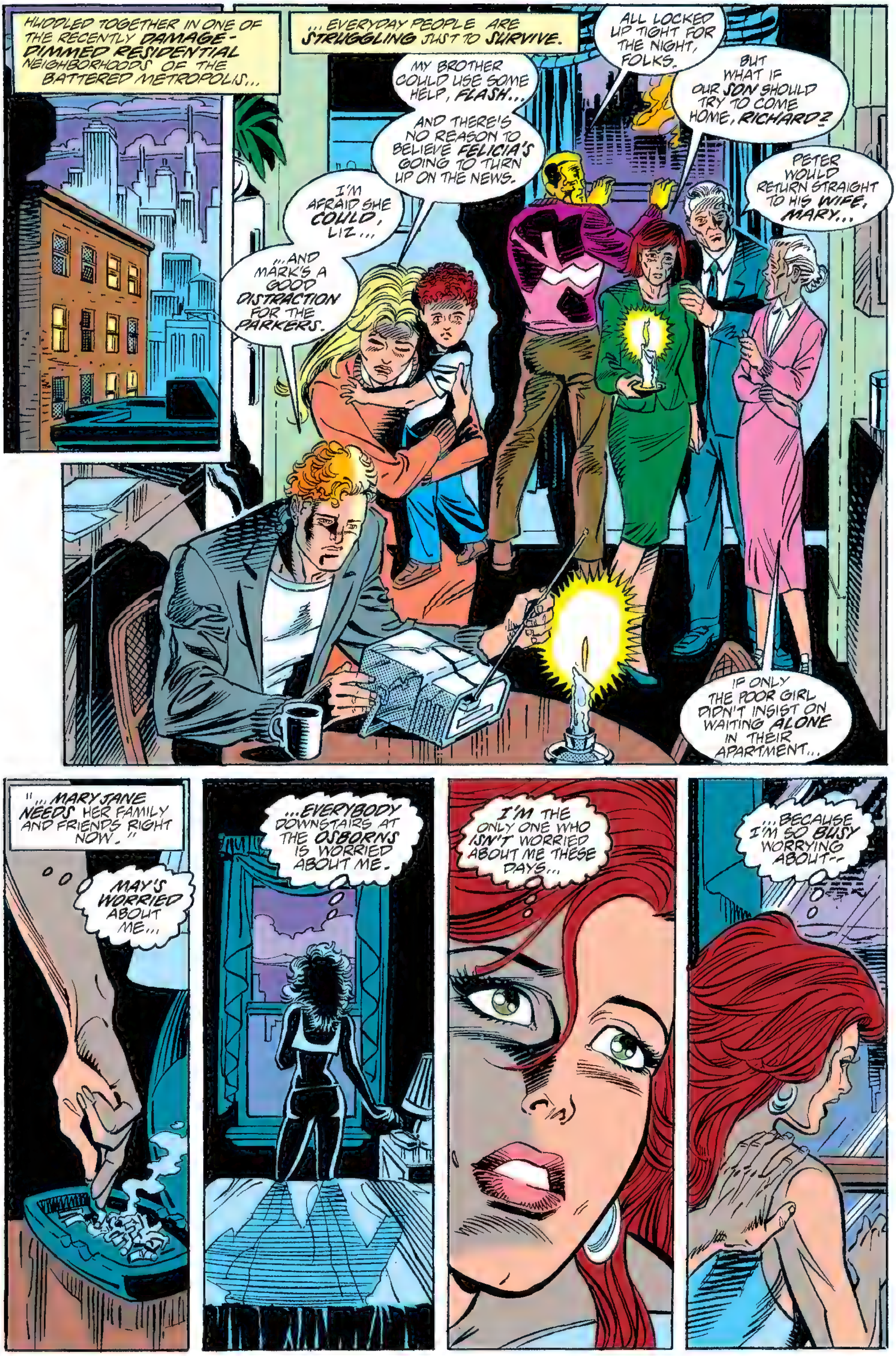

FIST SUPPLIED THE STATE-OF-THE-ART HARDWARE, AVENGER...
BUT IT TOOK THE SINGULAR SKILLS OF DEATHLOK TO HACK US THIS FAR INTO YOUR SECURED SYSTEMS.
AND WHAT EXACTLY WERE YOU ATTEMPTING TO ACCESS IN OUR RESTRICTED CASE FILES?
ANYTHING YOU HAVE ON THE BUTCHERS THAT TORE THROUGH THIS CITY-- AND MOST OF ME-- EARLIER TODAY*... WITH A MINIMUM OF RED TAPE.
*"MAXIMUM CARNAGE"-- PART 7 AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #379.-- ROB/DANNY
WE LOST THEM IN THE TIME IT TOOK TO REPAIR MY CYBORG COMRADE'S DAMAGED CIRCUITS, SO WE WERE HOPING TO AVOID ANY FURTHER DELAYS.
WHILE I CAN'T CONDONE DEATHLOK AND IRON FIST'S ROGUE METHODS, THEIR DETERMINATION AND RESOURCES COULD PROVE INVALUABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, TEAM.
I TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS, CAPTAIN.
WITH THE REST OF MY FELLOW AVENGERS CURRENTLY OUT OF THE AREA--
--WE'LL TAKE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET...
ROOFTOP RENDEZVOUS AT FIVE, CAP.
SHOULD GIVE THEM ENOUGH TIME TO COMBINE FORCES FOR A CURRENT FIX ON CARNAGE WHILE I CHECK IN AT HOME.
AVENGERS EQUIPMENT PATCHED UP MY RIB CAGE AND CAPTAIN AMERICA SHORED UP MY CONFIDENCE...
...BUT PETER PARKER NEEDS A MORE PERSONAL TOUCH.

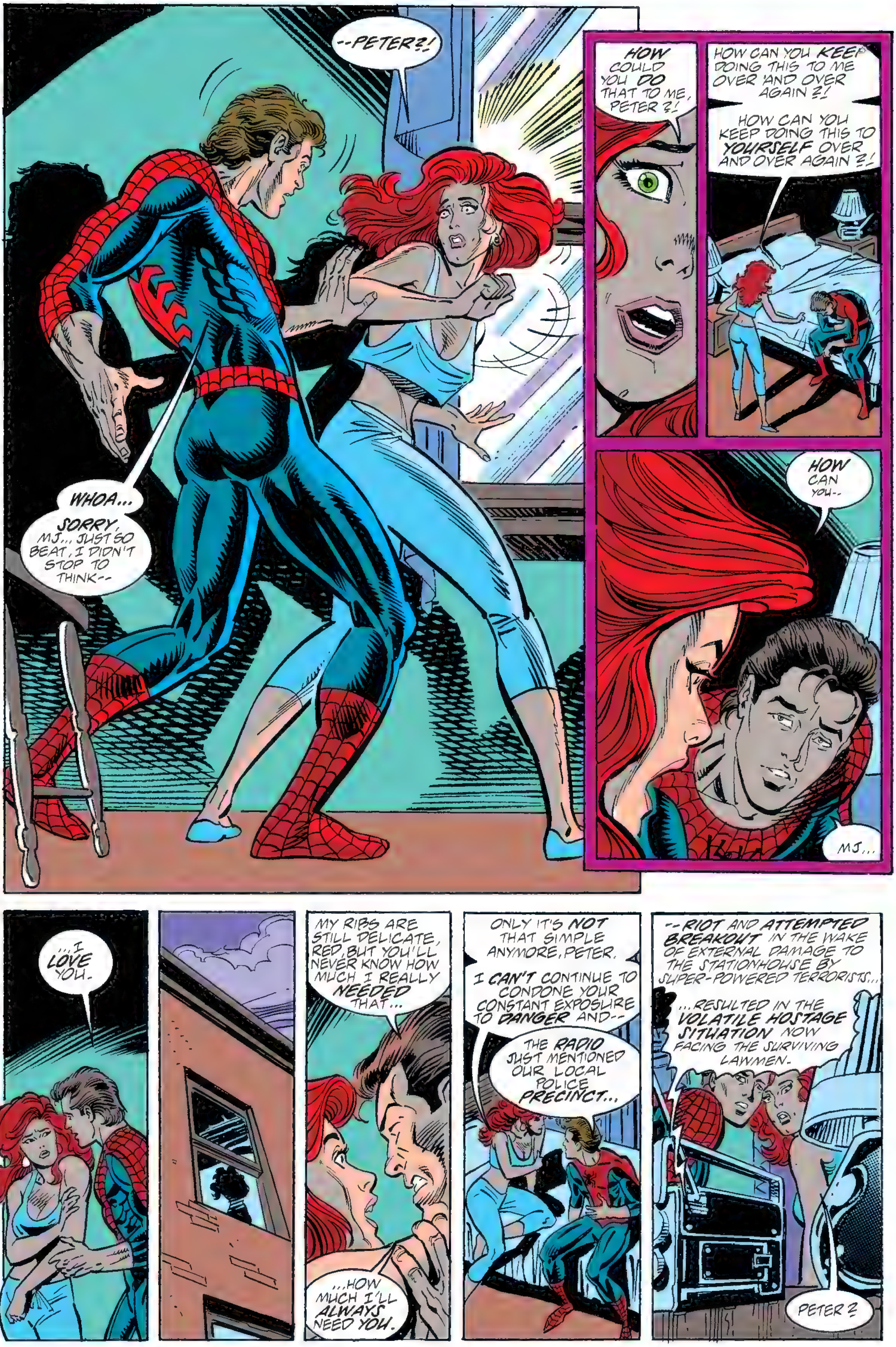

ARRIVING AT THE MOST RECENT SCENE OF DARK DEVASTATION IN LOWER MANHATTAN...
...A BREED OF HUNTERS THAT DEFY SIMPLE DESCRIPTION HAS JUST HIT A DEAD END.
TOO LATE!
SHRIEK AND HER TWISTED "FAMILY" HAVE COME AND GONE ALREADY!
BUT THE EMERGENCY CREWS CAN'T GET ANYWHERE NEAR THIS AREA...
...AND THERE ARE PEOPLE IN REAL TROUBLE DOWN THERE!
WE'VE ALL AGREED THAT STOPPING THIS REIGN OF TERROR AT ITS SOURCE MUST BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY, BLACK CAT...
...WHATEVER THE COST.
I CANNOT TELEPORT AHEAD UNTIL YOUR VAMPIRIC SENSES PINPOINT OUR PREY, MORBIUS...
THEIR BLOOD-TRAIL GROWS COLD AT THE VERY EDGE OF THE WATER, CLOAK--

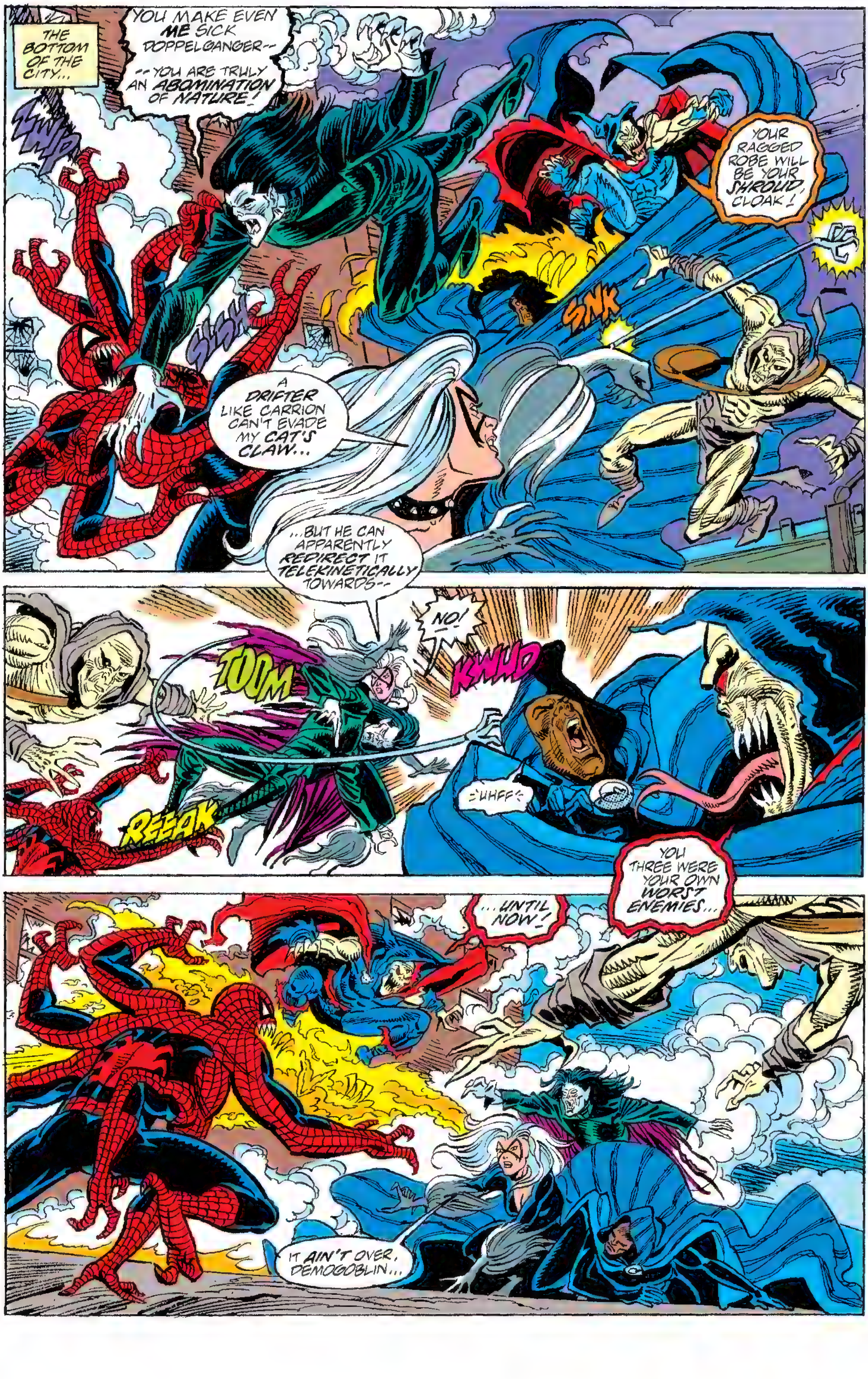

BUT IT HEATS UP AGAIN RIGHT HERE AND NOW, FREAK!
A PUMPKIN-BOMB FROM DOWNWIND...
THE DEMOGOBLIN DOUBLED BACK AROUND ON US ?!
AND CARRION AND THE SPIDER-DOPPELGANGER ARE SWOOPING OUT FROM THE SHADOWS!
ZWIP
POOM
ZWIP
POOM

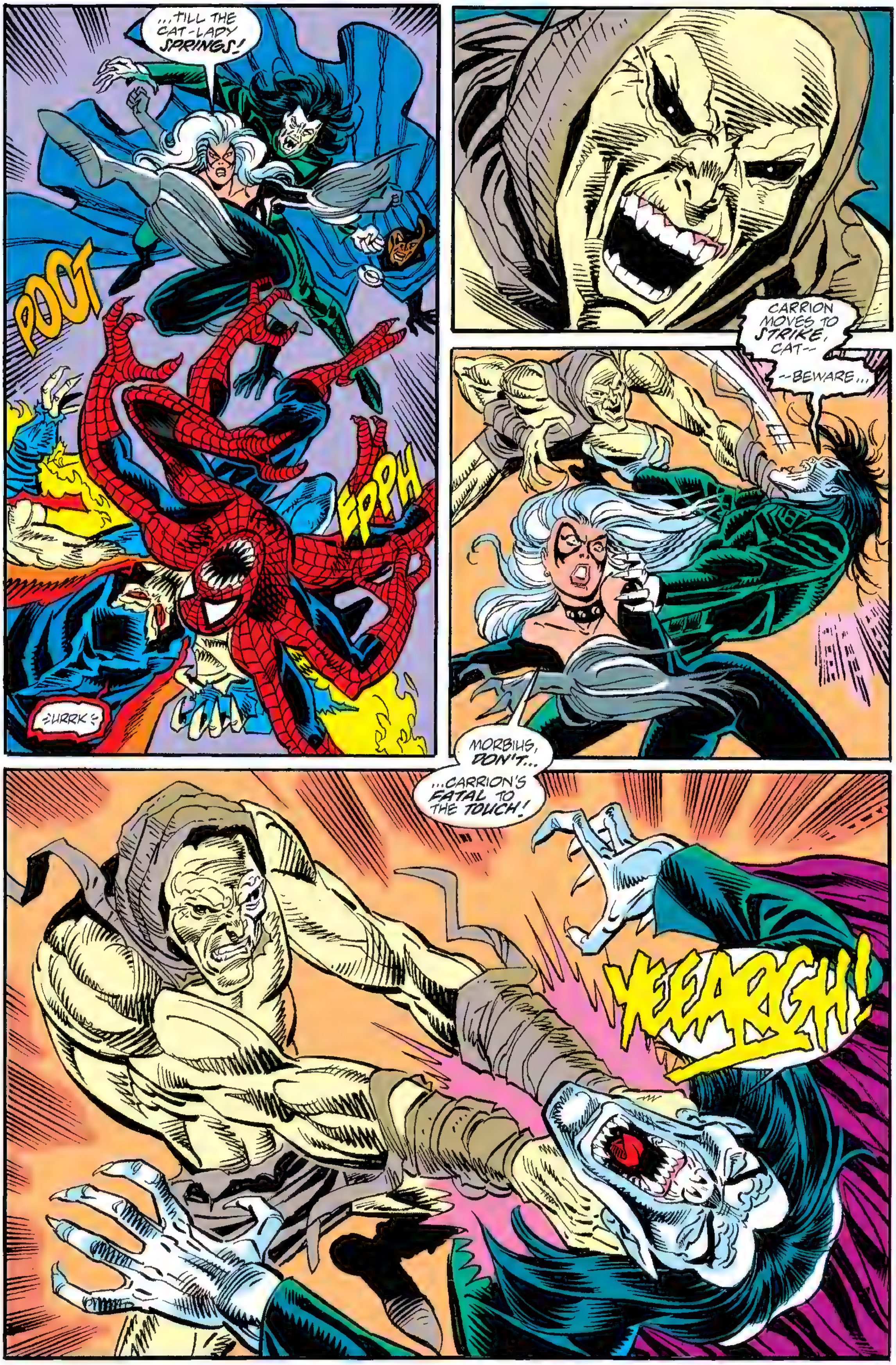

CARNAGE AND SHRIEK SUGGESTED WE *AMUSE OURSELVES* WITH THE OLD GANG...
REEAK
"...WHILE THEY HURRIED ON AHEAD TO PLAY WITH THEIR NEW *TOY*."
YEEAR
OUR GUESTS APPEAR *UNCOMFORTABLE*, SHRIEK--!
AARR
FINALLY!

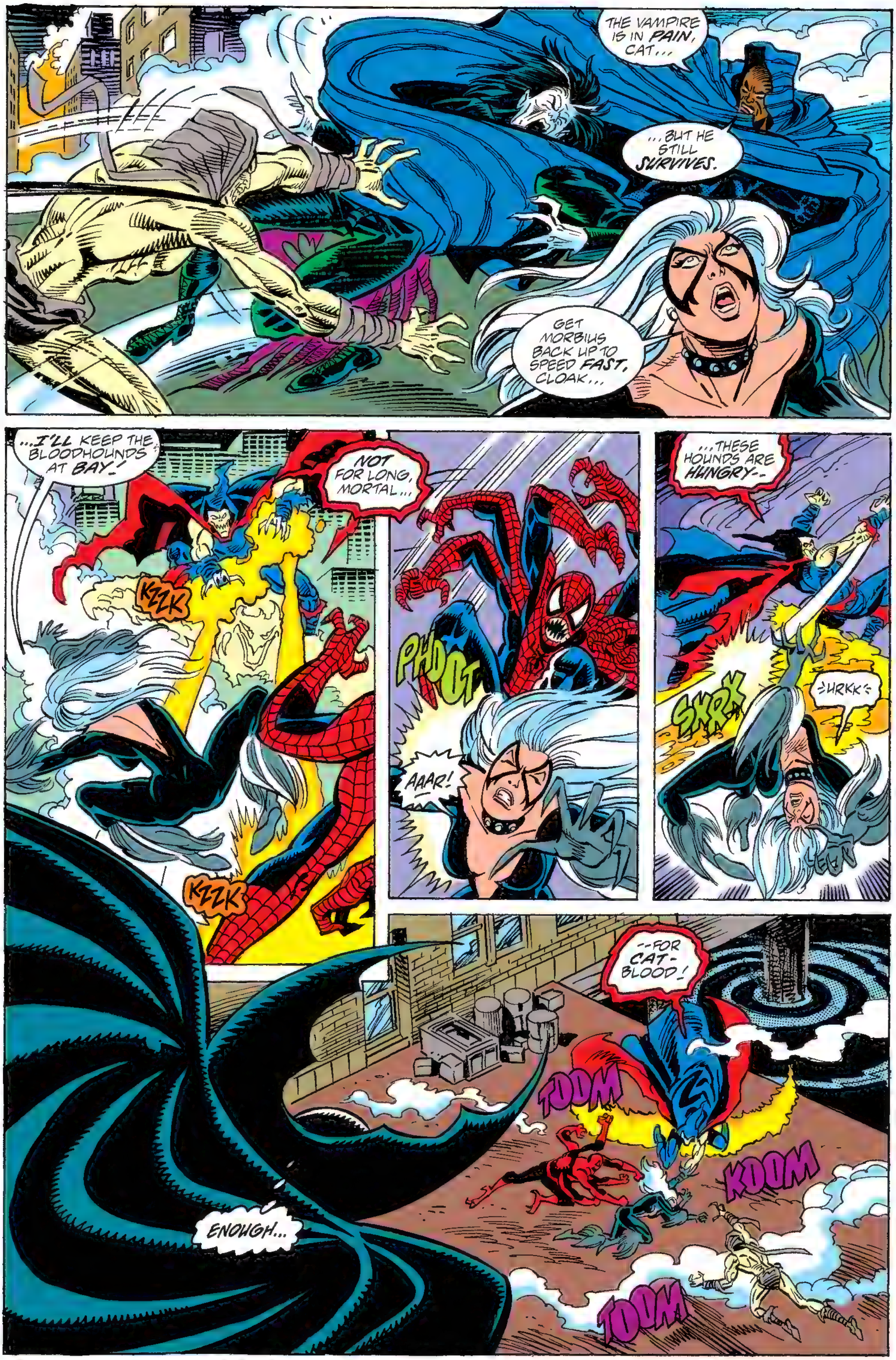

VENOM SYMBIOTE... S-SUCCUMBING TO... F-FLAMES...
SNK
I DO BELIEVE THAT LITTLE EDDIE BROCK IS ACTUALLY SHIVERING WITH ANTICIPATION, SHRIEK...
...I KNOW I AM.
TAKE HIM DOWN ANOTHER NOTCH, CARNAGE...
...HE'S PROBABLY CATCHING A CHILL WITHOUT HIS BLACK AND BLUE AND BOILING--BODYSUIT TO KEEP HIM SAFE AND WARM.
AAEEEE
I CAN AMPLIFY BROCK'S OWN AGONY RIGHT BACK AT HIM, LOVER...
...AND MY SOUND-BURSTS WILL TEAR HIS ALIEN PARASITE TO SHREDS.
NOT SO FAST, WOMAN...
N-NO...
...THIS BLOOD'S FOR ME!
...AAAGH!

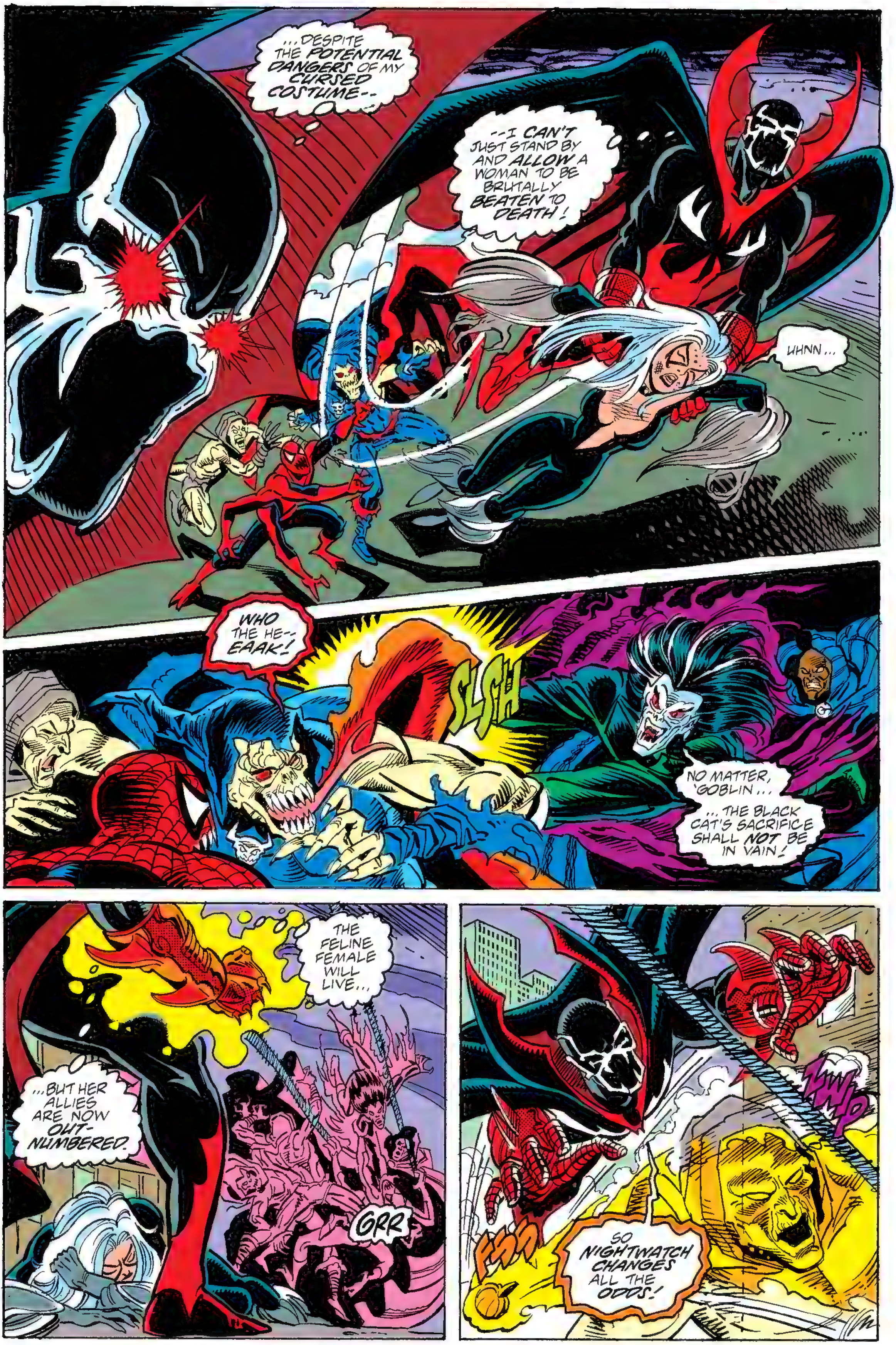

HUDDLED TOGETHER IN ONE OF THE RECENTLY DAMAGE-DIMMED RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE BATTERED METROPOLIS...
...EVERYDAY PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING JUST TO SURVIVE.
MY BROTHER COULD USE SOME HELP, FLASH...
AND THERE'S NO REASON TO BELIEVE FELICIA'S GOING TO TURN UP ON THE NEWS.
I'M AFRAID SHE COULD, LIZ...
...AND MARK'S A GOOD DISTRACTION FOR THE PARKERS.
ALL LOCKED UP TIGHT FOR THE NIGHT, FOLKS.
BUT WHAT IF OUR SON SHOULD TRY TO COME HOME, RICHARD?
PETER WOULD RETURN STRAIGHT TO HIS WIFE, MARY...
IF ONLY THE POOR GIRL DIDN'T INSIST ON WAITING ALONE IN THEIR APARTMENT...
"...MARY JANE NEEDS HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS RIGHT NOW."
MAY'S WORRIED ABOUT ME...
...EVERYBODY DOWNSTAIRS AT THE OSBORNS IS WORRIED ABOUT ME.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ISN'T WORRIED ABOUT ME THESE DAYS...
...BECAUSE I'M SO BUSY WORRYING ABOUT--

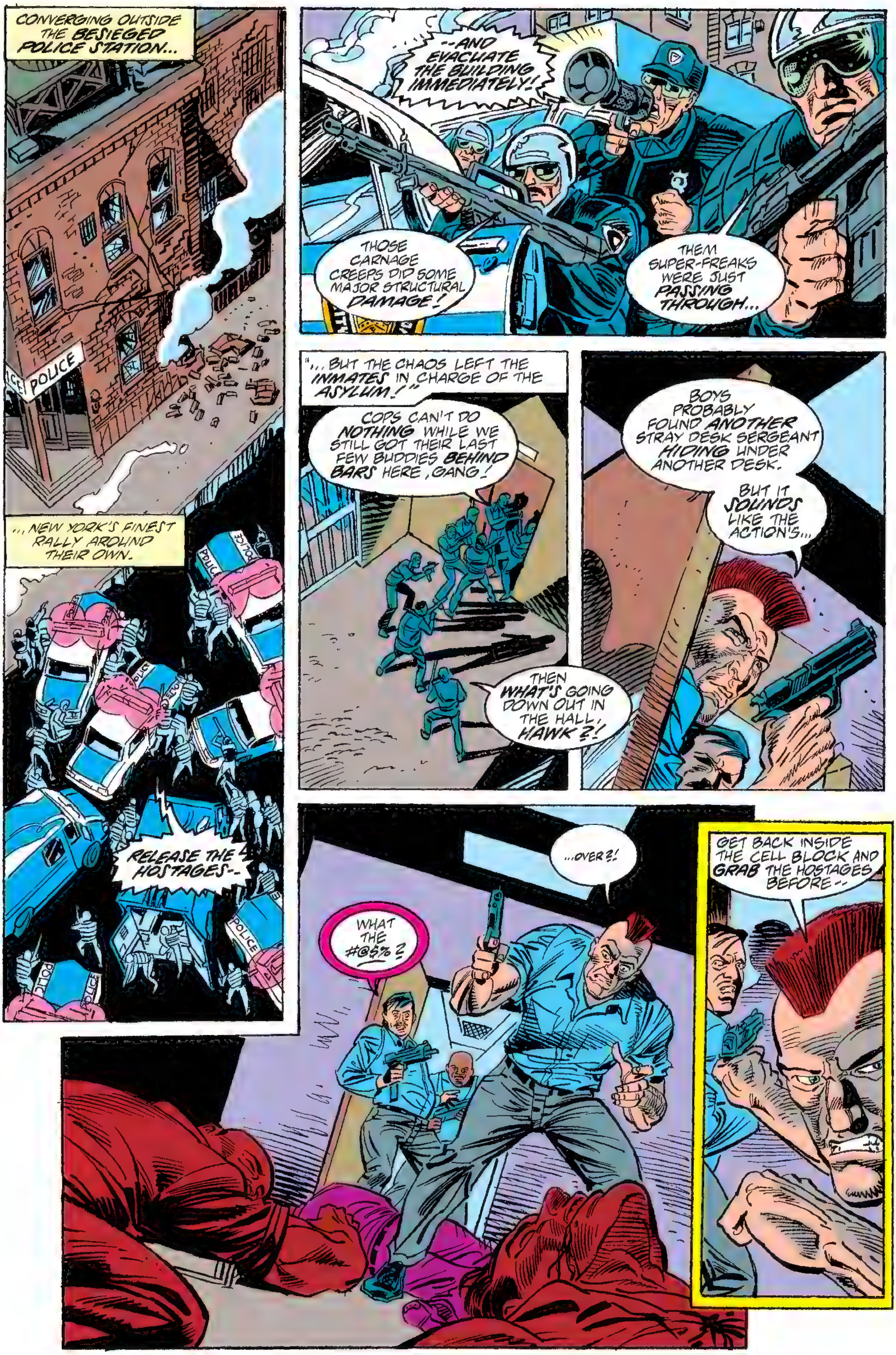

--PETER?!
WHOA... SORRY, MJ... JUST SO BEAT, I DIDN'T STOP TO THINK--
HOW COULD YOU DO THAT TO ME, PETER?!
HOW CAN YOU KEEP DOING THIS TO ME OVER AND OVER AGAIN?!
HOW CAN YOU KEEP DOING THIS TO YOURSELF OVER AND OVER AGAIN?!
HOW CAN YOU--
MJ...
...I LOVE YOU.
MY RIBS ARE STILL DELICATE, RED, BUT YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH I REALLY NEEDED THAT...
...HOW MUCH I'LL ALWAYS NEED YOU.
ONLY IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE ANYMORE, PETER.
I CAN'T CONTINUE TO CONDONE YOUR CONSTANT EXPOSURE TO DANGER AND--
THE RADIO JUST MENTIONED OUR LOCAL POLICE PRECINCT...
--RIOT AND ATTEMPTED BREAKOUT IN THE WAKE OF EXTERNAL DAMAGE TO THE STATIONHOUSE BY SUPER-POWERED TERRORISTS...
...RESULTED IN THE VOLATILE HOSTAGE SITUATION NOW FACING THE SURVIVING LAWMEN.
PETER?

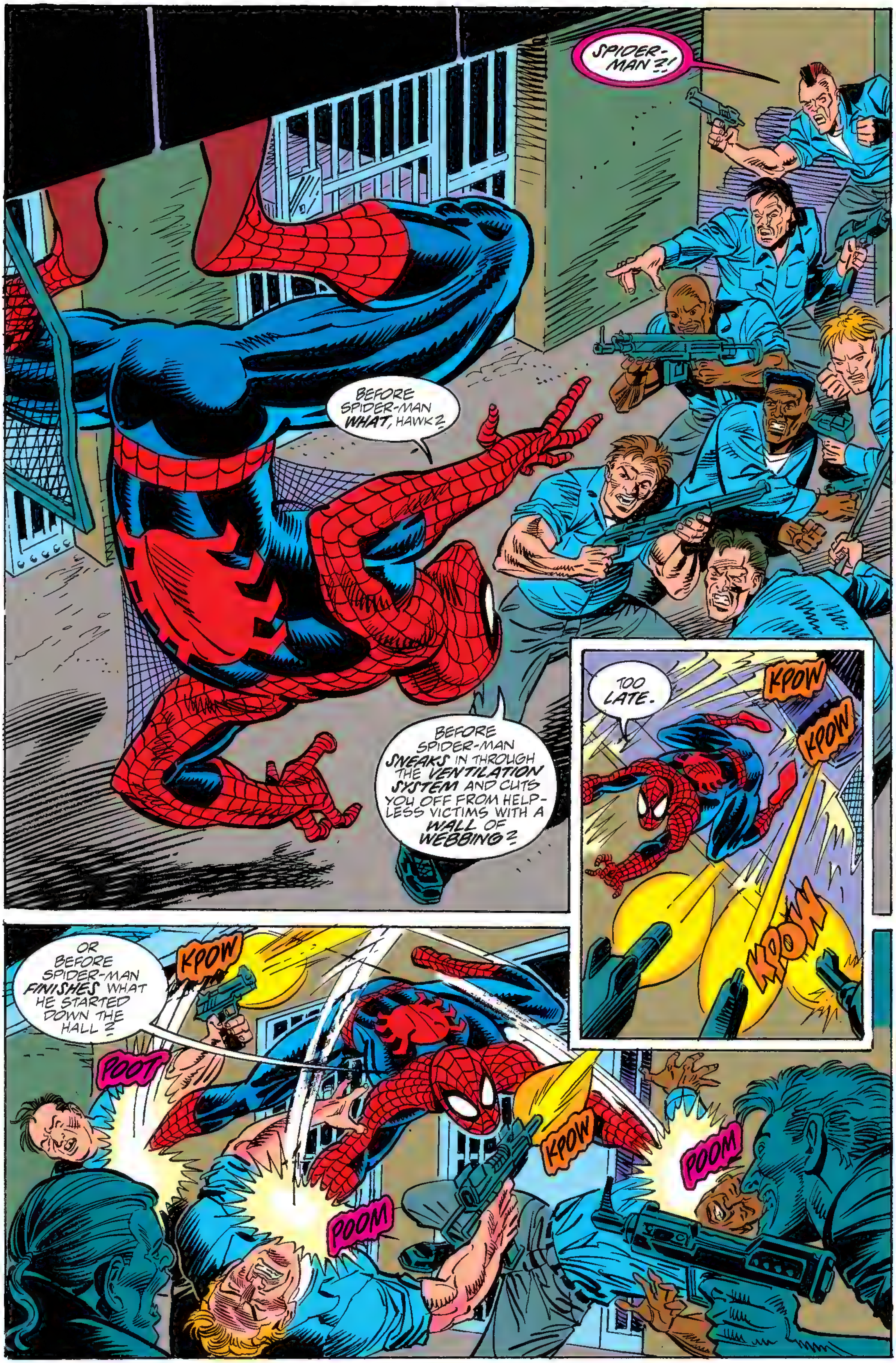

THE BOTTOM OF THE CITY...
YOU MAKE EVEN ME SICK DOPPELGANGER--
--YOU ARE TRULY AN ABOMINATION OF NATURE!
THWIP
YOUR RAGGED ROBE WILL BE YOUR SHROUD, CLOAK!
SLISH
SNK
A DRIFTER LIKE CARRION CAN'T EVADE MY CAT'S CLAW...
...BUT HE CAN APPARENTLY REDIRECT IT TELEKINETICALLY TOWARDS--
NO!
TOOM
KWUD
UHFF
REEAK
YOU THREE WERE YOUR OWN WORST ENEMIES...
...UNTIL NOW!
IT AIN'T OVER, DEMOGOBLIN...

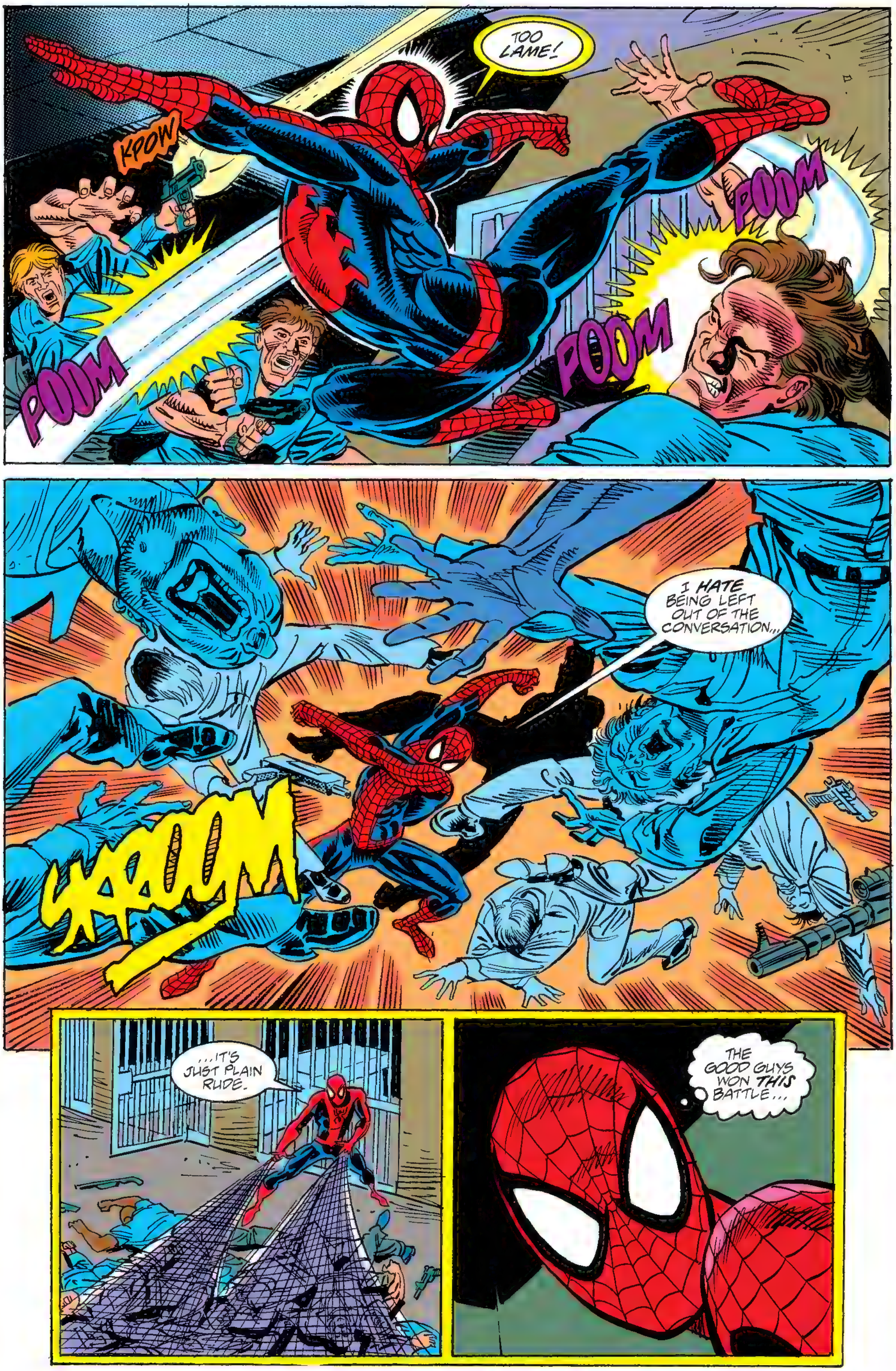

...TILL THE CAT-LADY *SPRINGS!*
POOT
EPPH
-URRK-
CARRION MOVES TO *STRIKE*, CAT--
--BEWARE...
MORBIUS, *DON'T...*
...CARRION'S *FATAL* TO THE *TOUCH!*
YEEARGH!


THE VAMPIRE IS IN PAIN, CAT...
...BUT HE STILL SURVIVES.
GET MORBIUS BACK UP TO SPEED FAST, CLOAK...
...I'LL KEEP THE BLOODHOUNDS AT BAY!
NOT FOR LONG, MORTAL...
KZZK
KZZK
PHOOT
AAAR!
...THESE HOUNDS ARE HUNGRY--
SKRK
URKK
--FOR CAT-BLOOD!
TOOM
KOOM
TOOM
ENOUGH...


...DESPITE THE **POTENTIAL DANGERS** OF MY **CURSED COSTUME**--
--I **CAN'T** JUST STAND BY AND **ALLOW** A WOMAN TO BE BRUTALLY **BEATEN** TO **DEATH**!
UHNN...
WHO THE HE-- **EAAK**!
SLSH
NO MATTER, 'GOBLIN... ...THE BLACK CAT'S SACRIFICE SHALL **NOT** BE IN VAIN!
THE FELINE FEMALE WILL LIVE...
...BUT HER ALLIES ARE NOW **OUT-NUMBERED**.
GRR
WIP
FSSS
SO **NIGHTWATCH CHANGES** ALL THE **ODDS**!


CONVERGING OUTSIDE THE BESIEGED POLICE STATION...
POLICE
--AND EVACUATE THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY!
THOSE CARNAGE CREEPS DID SOME MAJOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE!
THEM SUPER-FREAKS WERE JUST PASSING THROUGH...
...NEW YORK'S FINEST RALLY AROUND THEIR OWN.
POLICE
RELEASE THE HOSTAGES--
"...BUT THE CHAOS LEFT THE INMATES IN CHARGE OF THE ASYLUM!"
COPS CAN'T DO NOTHING WHILE WE STILL GOT THEIR LAST FEW BUDDIES BEHIND BARS HERE, GANG!
THEN WHAT'S GOING DOWN OUT IN THE HALL, HAWK?!
BOYS PROBABLY FOUND ANOTHER STRAY DESK SERGEANT HIDING UNDER ANOTHER DESK.
BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE THE ACTION'S...
...OVER?!
WHAT THE #@$%?
GET BACK INSIDE THE CELL BLOCK AND GRAB THE HOSTAGES BEFORE--


SPIDER-MAN?!
BEFORE SPIDER-MAN *WHAT*, HAWK?
BEFORE SPIDER-MAN *SNEAKS* IN THROUGH THE *VENTILATION SYSTEM* AND CUTS YOU OFF FROM HELPLESS VICTIMS WITH A *WALL* OF *WEBBING*?
TOO *LATE*.
KPOW
KPOW
KPOW
OR BEFORE SPIDER-MAN *FINISHES* WHAT HE STARTED DOWN THE HALL?
KPOW
POOT
POOM
KPOW
POOM


TOO LAME!
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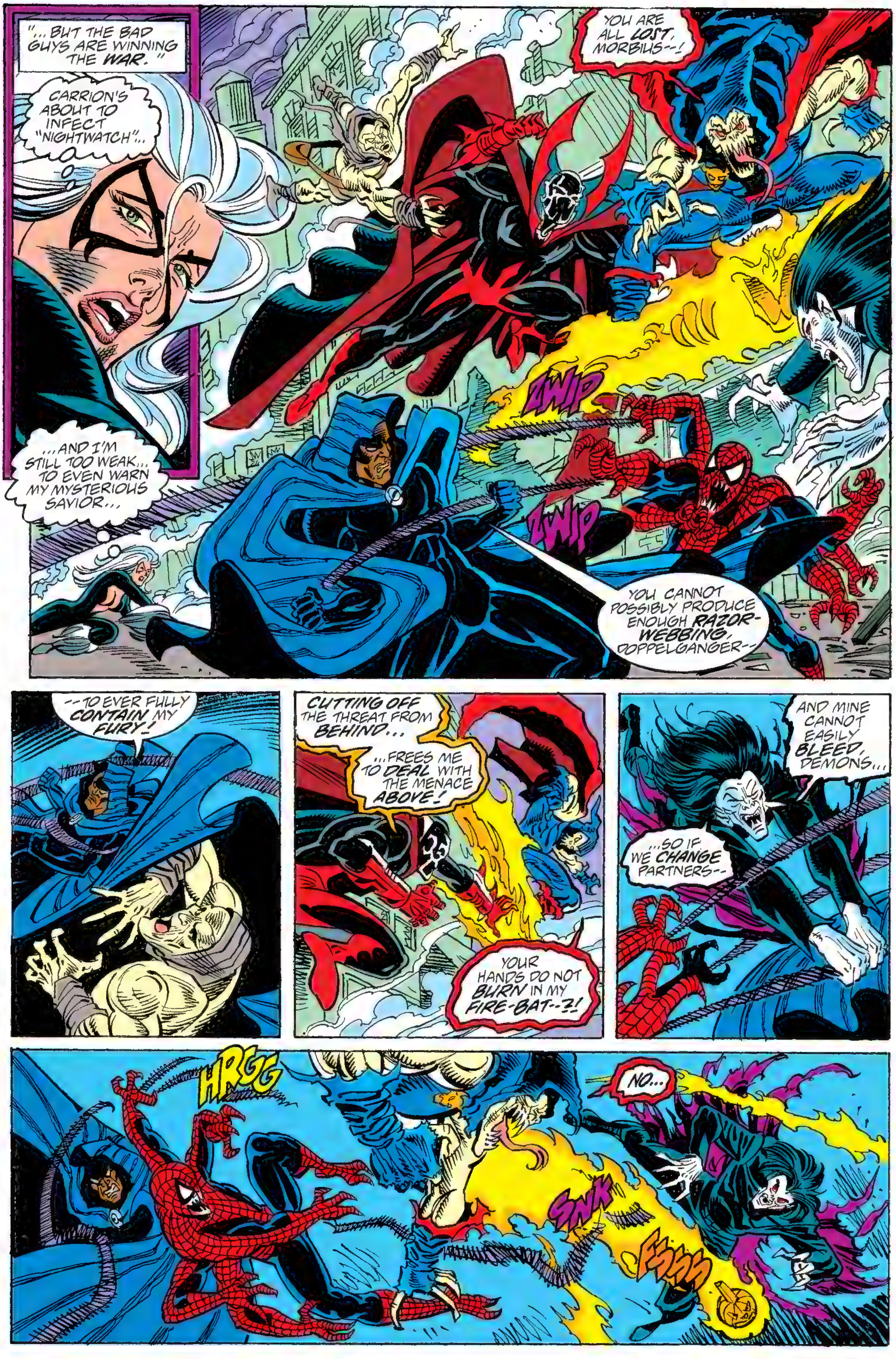
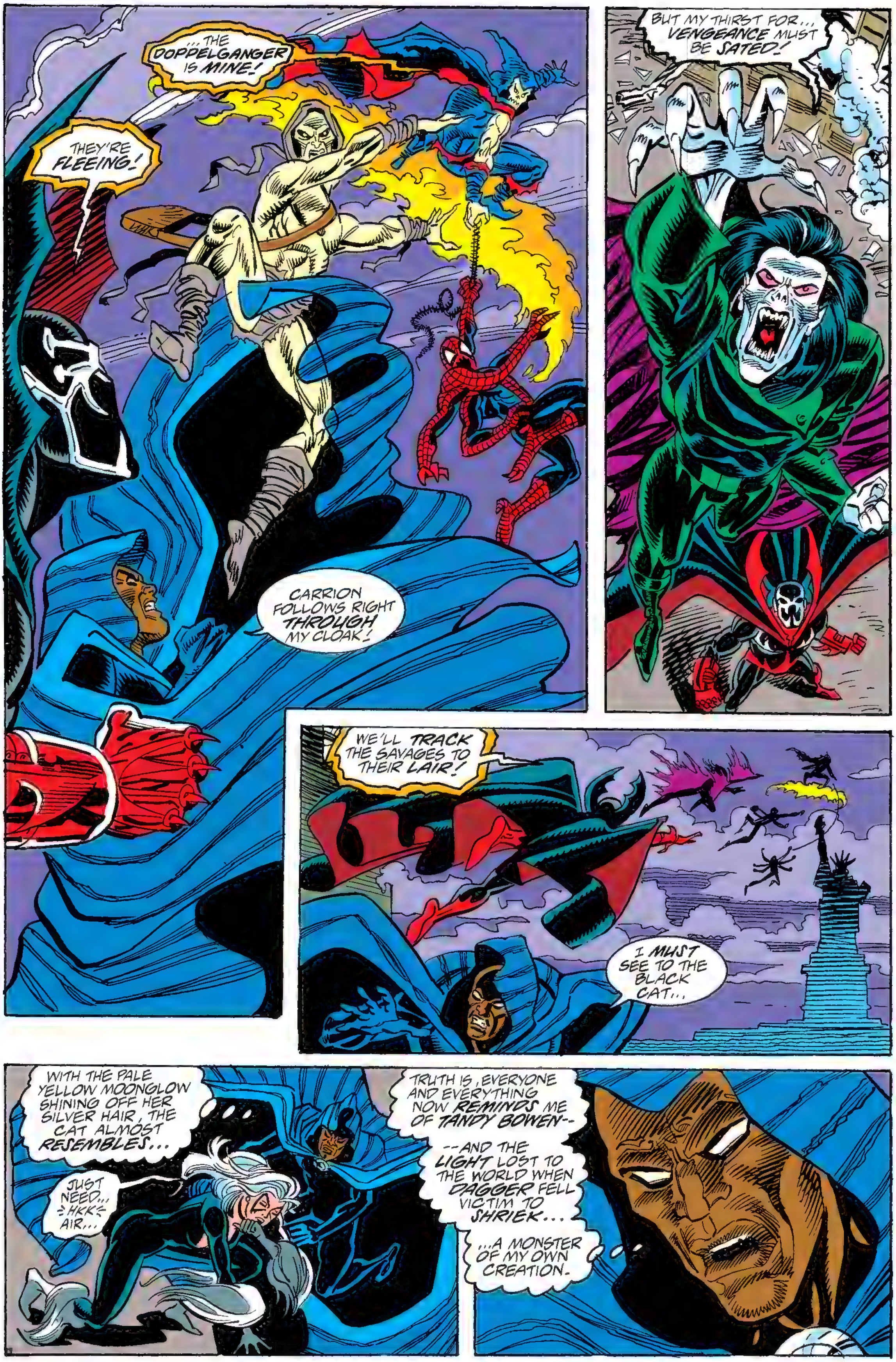
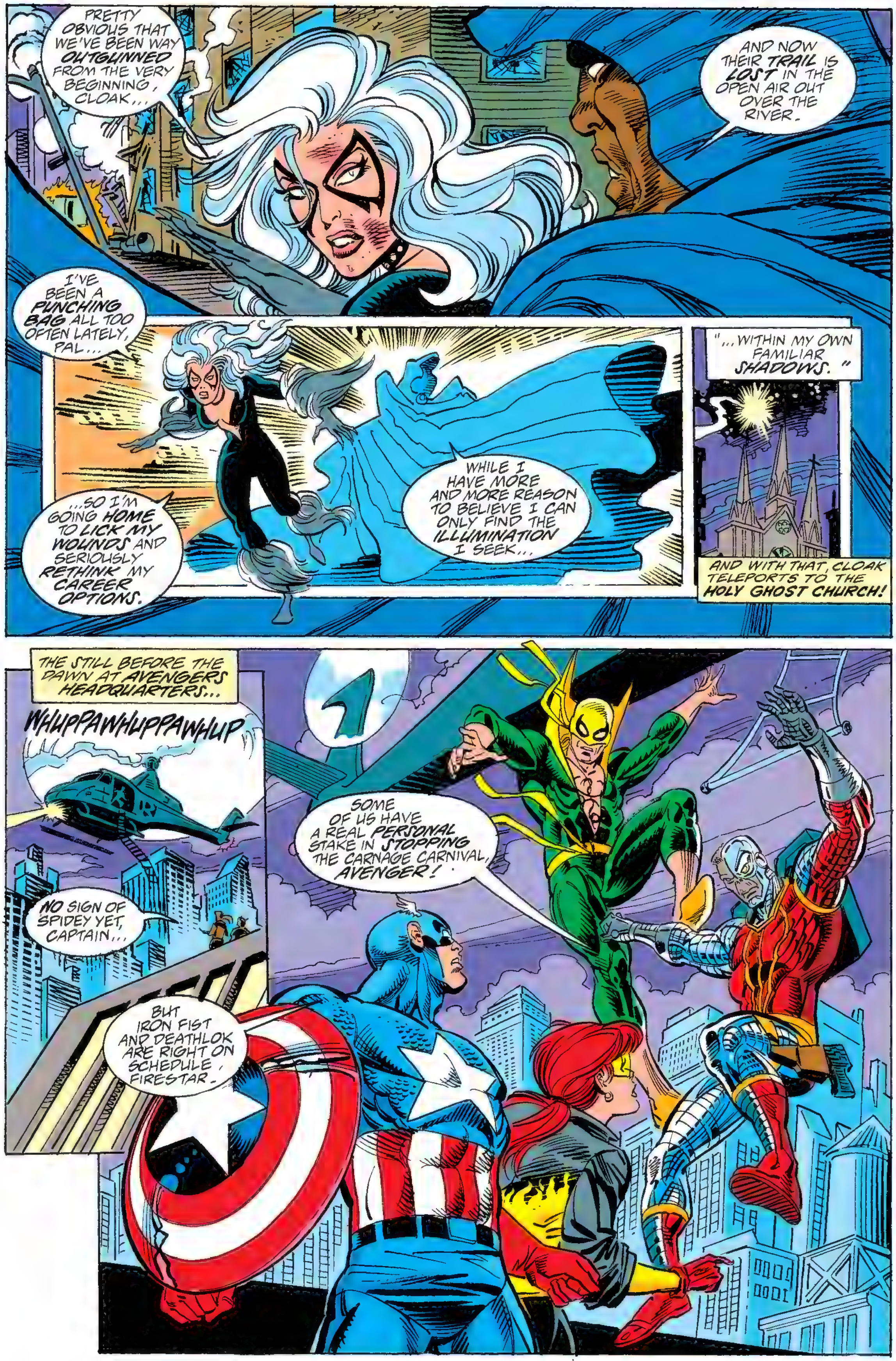
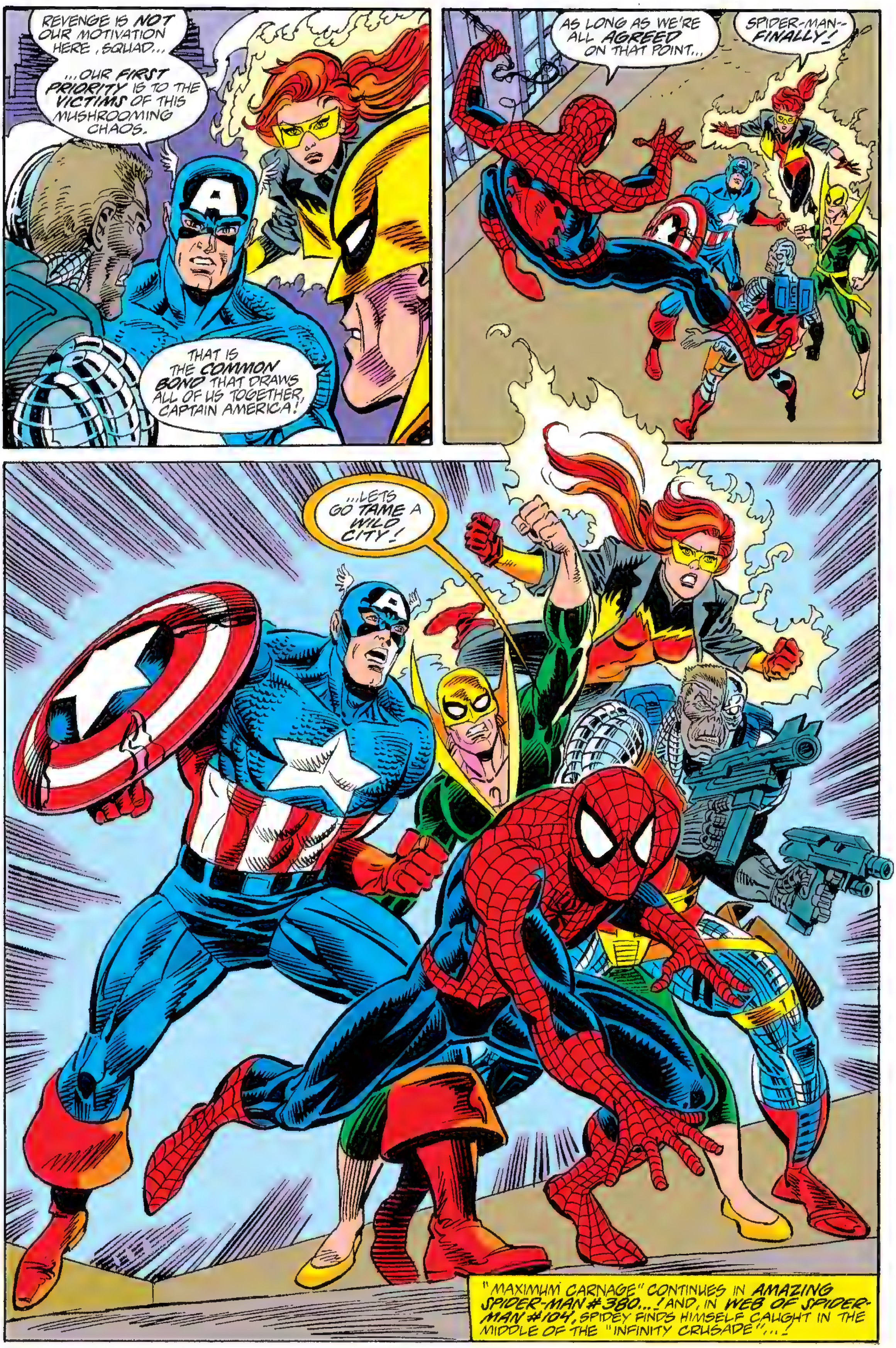
I HATE BEING LEFT OUT OF THE CONVERSATION...
KAROOM
...IT'S JUST PLAIN RUDE.
THE GOOD GUYS WON THIS BATTLE...


"...BUT THE BAD GUYS ARE WINNING THE WAR."
CARRION'S ABOUT TO INFECT "NIGHTWATCH"...
YOU ARE ALL LOST, MORBIUS--!
...AND I'M STILL TOO WEAK... TO EVEN WARN MY MYSTERIOUS SAVIOR...
ZWIP
ZWIP
YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY PRODUCE ENOUGH RAZOR-WEBBING, DOPPELGANGER--
--TO EVER FULLY CONTAIN MY FURY!
CUTTING OFF THE THREAT FROM BEHIND...
...FREES ME TO DEAL WITH THE MENACE ABOVE!
YOUR HANDS DO NOT BURN IN MY FIRE-BAT--?!
AND MINE CANNOT EASILY BLEED DEMONS...
...SO IF WE CHANGE PARTNERS--
HRGG
NO...
SNK
FSSSS


...THE DOPPELGANGER IS MINE!
THEY'RE FLEEING!
CARRION FOLLOWS RIGHT THROUGH MY CLOAK!
BUT MY THIRST FOR... VENGEANCE MUST BE SATED!
WE'LL TRACK THE SAVAGES TO THEIR LAIR!
I MUST SEE TO THE BLACK CAT...
WITH THE PALE YELLOW MOONGLOW SHINING OFF HER SILVER HAIR, THE CAT ALMOST RESEMBLES...
JUST NEED... -HKK- AIR...
TRUTH IS, EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING NOW REMINDS ME OF TANDY BOWEN--
--AND THE LIGHT LOST TO THE WORLD WHEN DAGGER FELL VICTIM TO SHRIEK...
...A MONSTER OF MY OWN CREATION.


PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT WE'VE BEEN WAY **OUTGUNNED** FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, CLOAK...
AND NOW THEIR **TRAIL** IS **LOST** IN THE OPEN AIR OUT OVER THE RIVER.
I'VE BEEN A **PUNCHING BAG** ALL TOO OFTEN LATELY, PAL...
...SO I'M GOING **HOME** TO **LICK MY WOUNDS** AND SERIOUSLY **RETHINK** MY **CAREER OPTIONS.**
WHILE I HAVE MORE AND MORE REASON TO BELIEVE I CAN ONLY FIND THE **ILLUMINATION** I SEEK...
"...WITHIN MY OWN FAMILIAR **SHADOWS.**"
AND WITH THAT, CLOAK TELEPORTS TO THE **HOLY GHOST CHURCH!**
THE STILL BEFORE THE DAWN AT **AVENGERS HEADQUARTERS...**
WHUPPAWHUPPAWHUP
NO SIGN OF SPIDEY YET, CAPTAIN...
BUT IRON FIST AND DEATHLOK ARE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE, FIRESTAR.
SOME OF US HAVE A REAL **PERSONAL** STAKE IN **STOPPING** THE CARNAGE CARNIVAL, **AVENGER!**


REVENGE IS **NOT** OUR MOTIVATION HERE, SQUAD...
...OUR **FIRST PRIORITY** IS TO THE **VICTIMS** OF THIS MUSHROOMING CHAOS.
THAT IS THE **COMMON BOND** THAT DRAWS ALL OF US TOGETHER, CAPTAIN AMERICA!
AS LONG AS WE'RE ALL **AGREED** ON THAT POINT...
SPIDER-MAN-- **FINALLY!**
...LETS GO **TAME** A **WILD CITY!**
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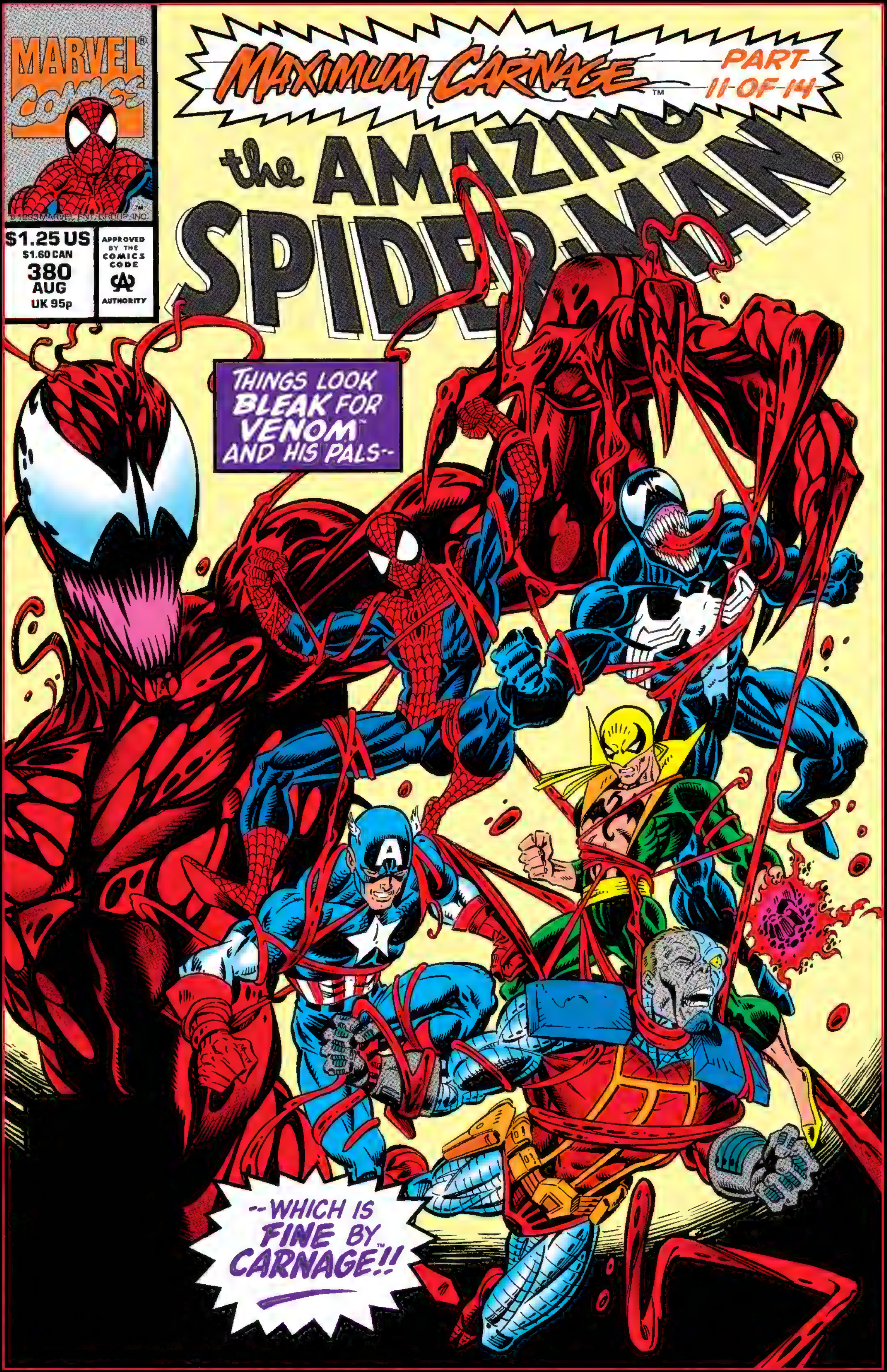
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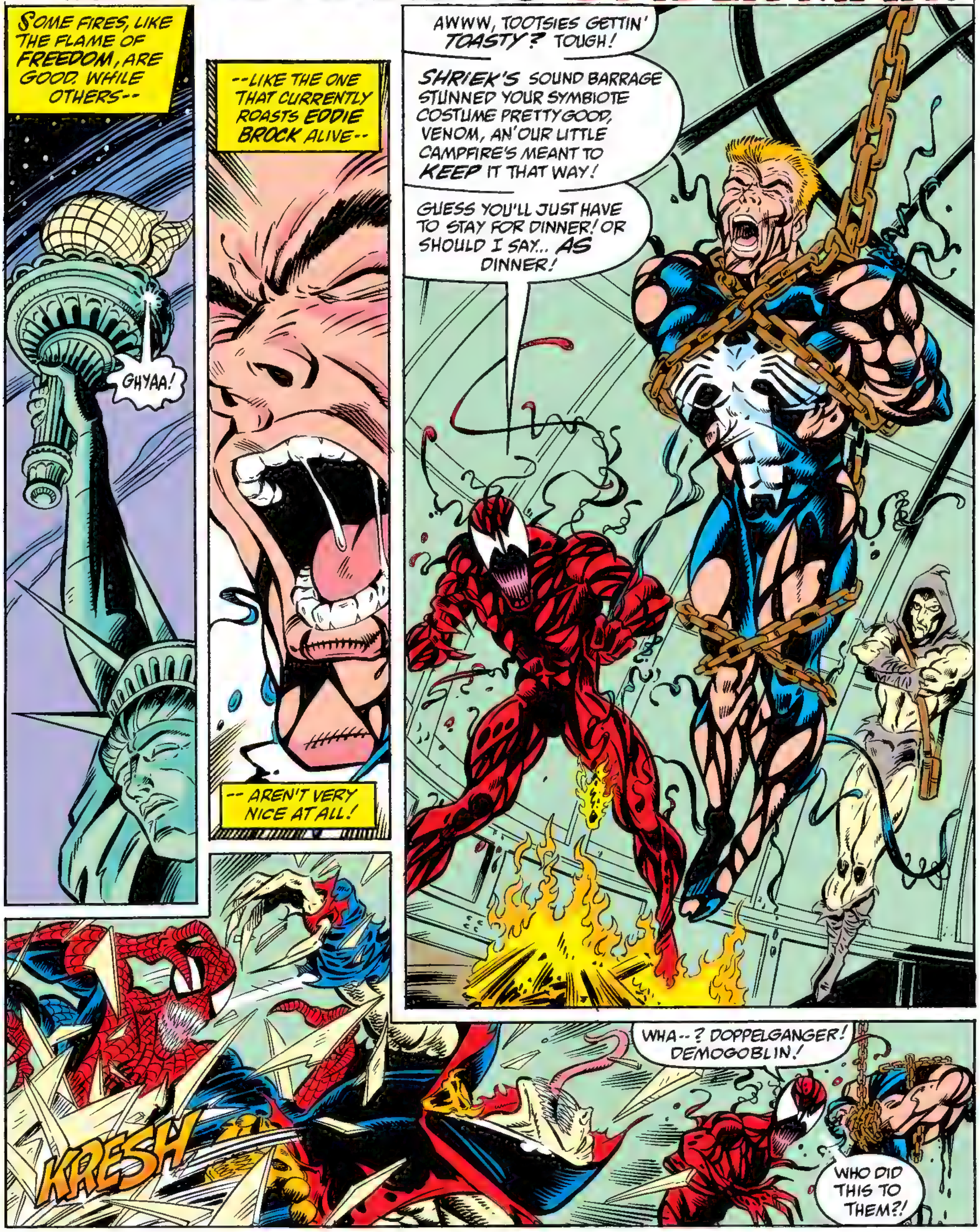
SOME FIRES, LIKE THE FLAME OF FREEDOM, ARE GOOD, WHILE OTHERS--
GHYAA!
--LIKE THE ONE THAT CURRENTLY ROASTS EDDIE BROCK ALIVE--
-- AREN'T VERY NICE AT ALL!
AWWW, TOOTSIES GETTIN' TOASTY? TOUGH!
SHRIEK'S SOUND BARRAGE STUNNED YOUR SYMBIOTE COSTUME PRETTY GOOD, VENOM, AN' OUR LITTLE CAMPFIRE'S MEANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY!
GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO STAY FOR DINNER! OR SHOULD I SAY... AS DINNER!
KRESH
WHA--? DOPPELGANGER! DEMOGOBLIN!
WHO DID THIS TO THEM?!

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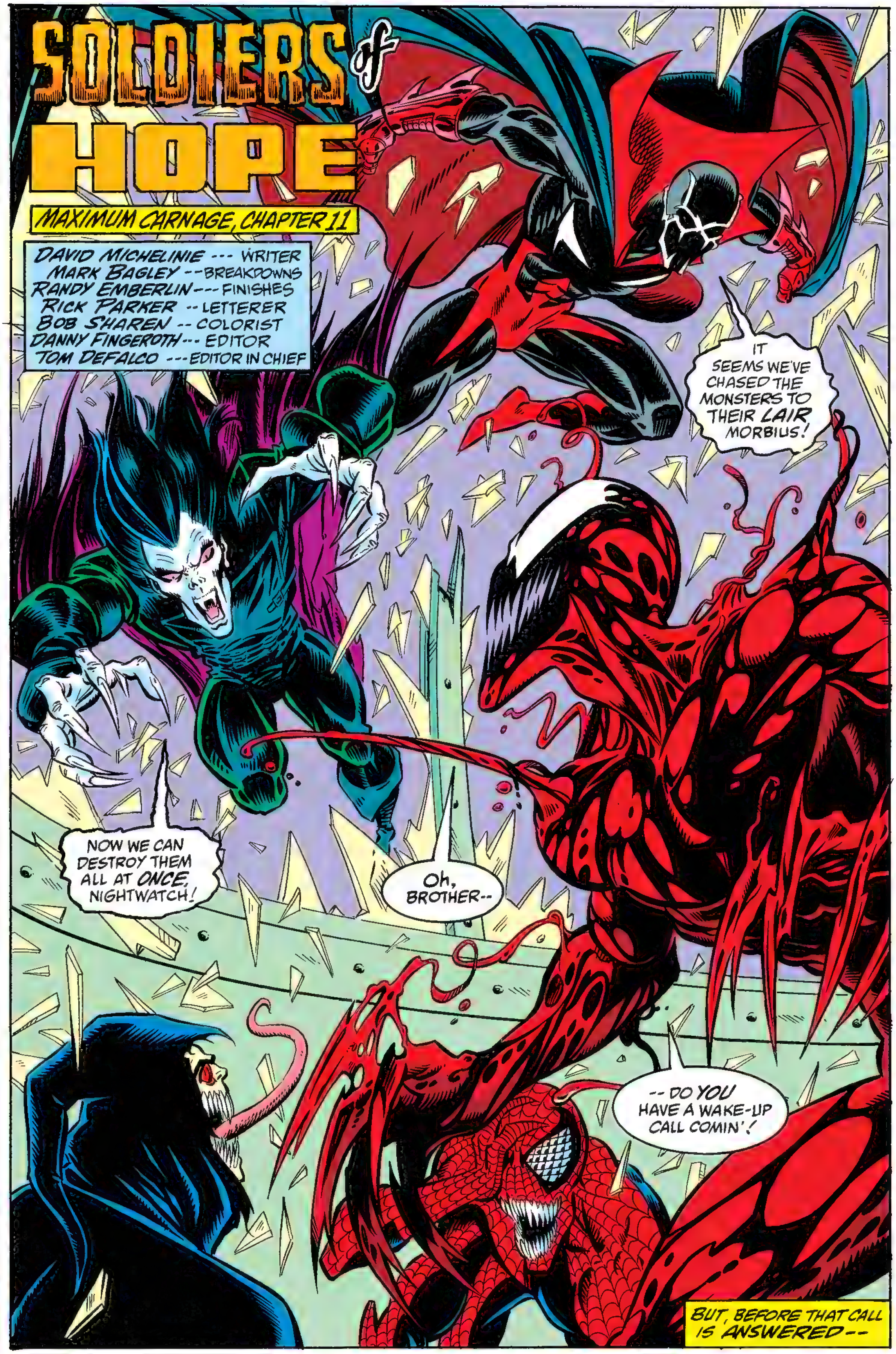
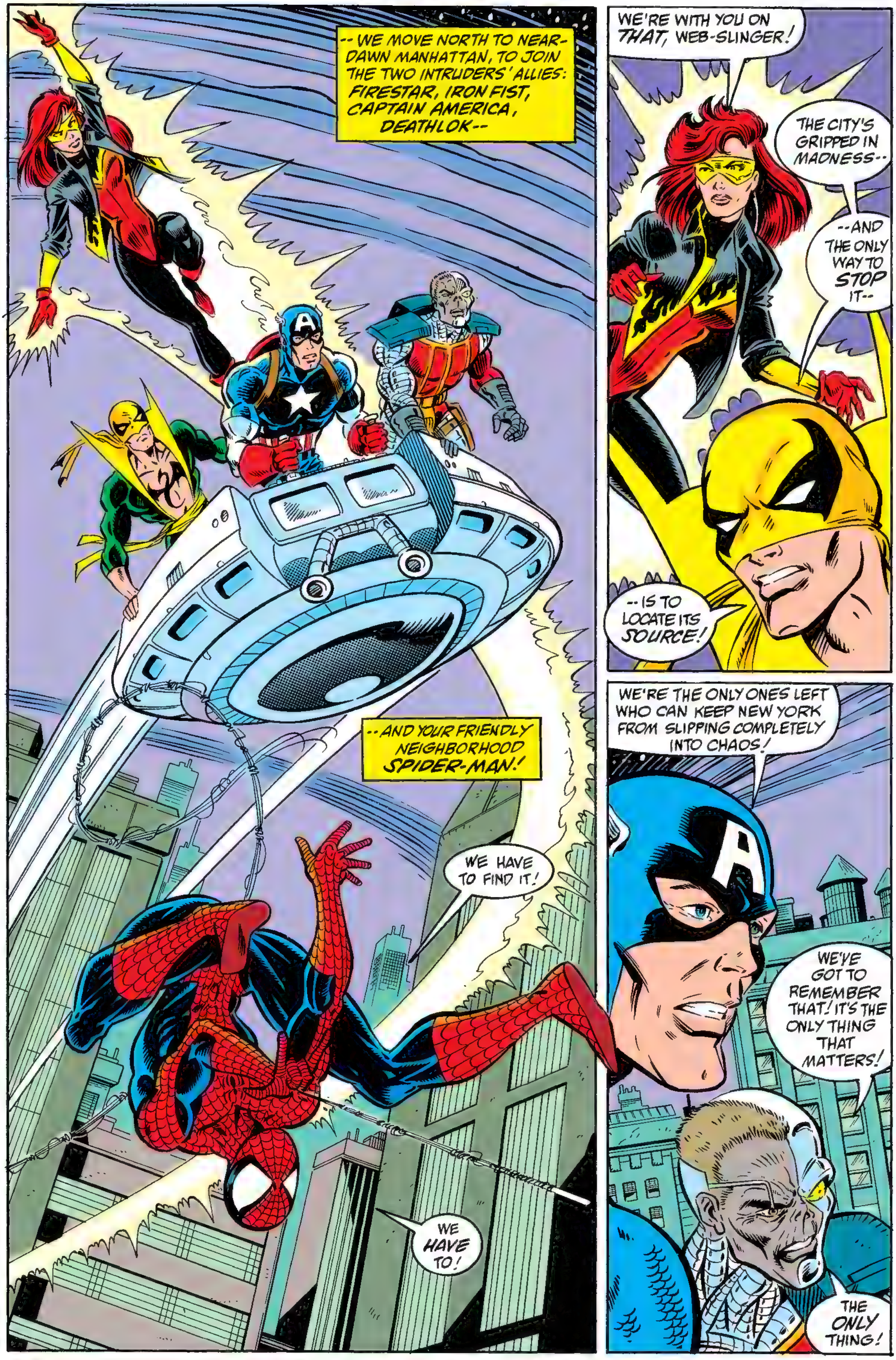
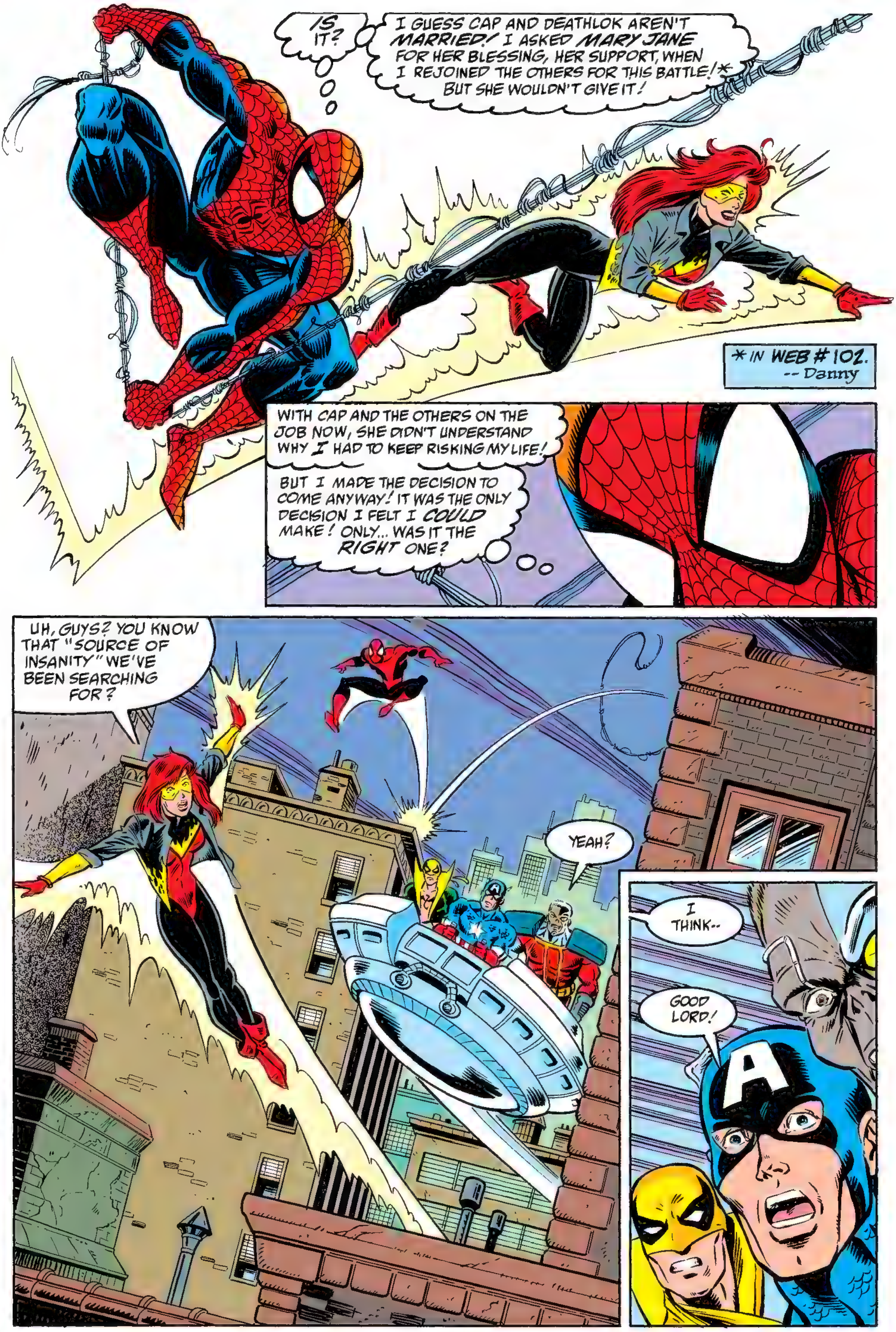
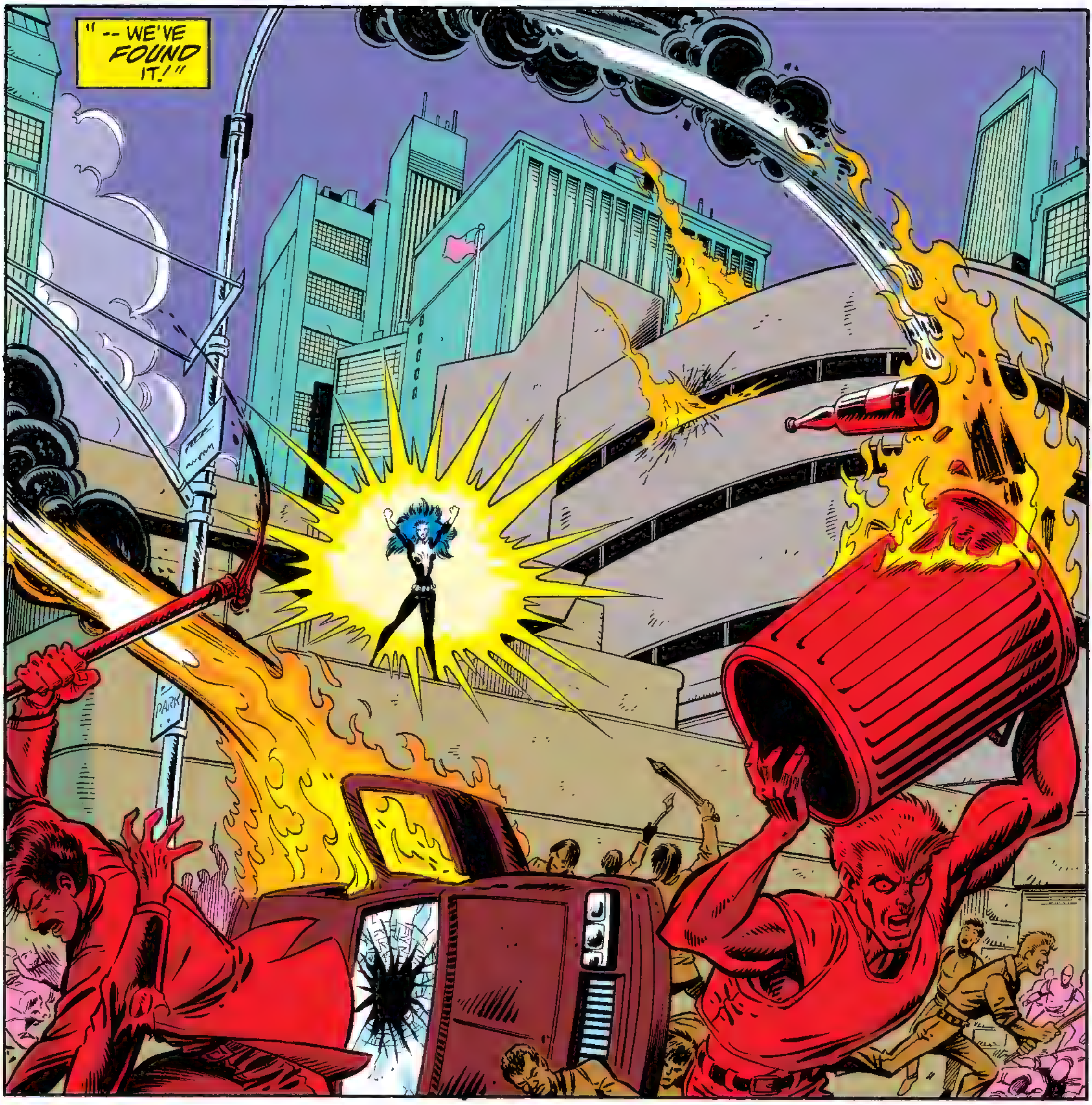
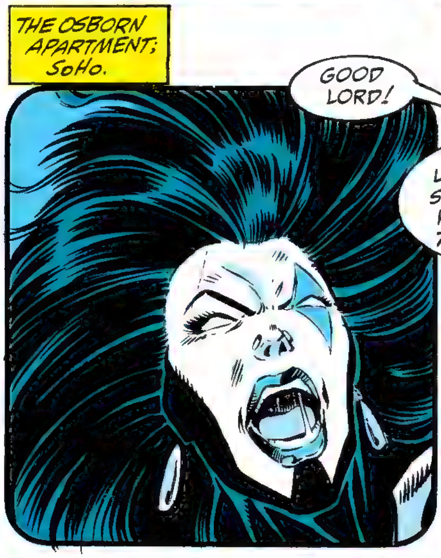
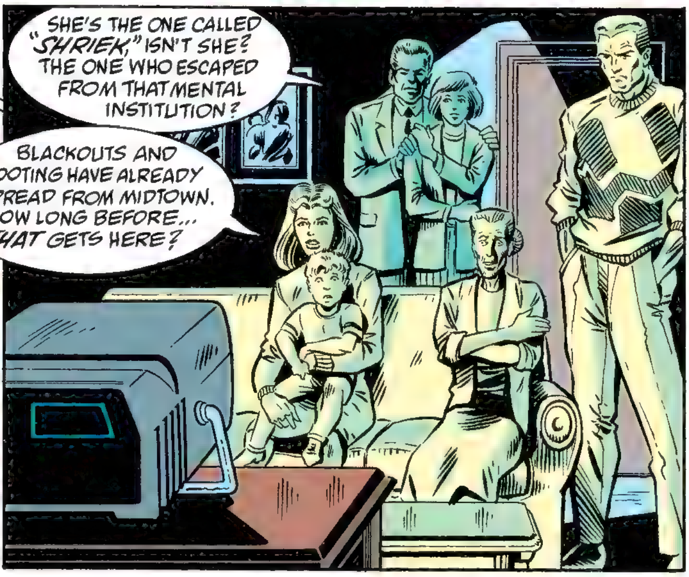

IT SEEMS WE'VE CHASED THE MONSTERS TO THEIR *LAIR*, MORBIUS!
NOW WE CAN DESTROY THEM ALL AT *ONCE*, NIGHTWATCH!
Oh, BROTHER--
-- DO *YOU* HAVE A WAKE-UP CALL COMIN'!
BUT, BEFORE THAT CALL IS *ANSWERED*--

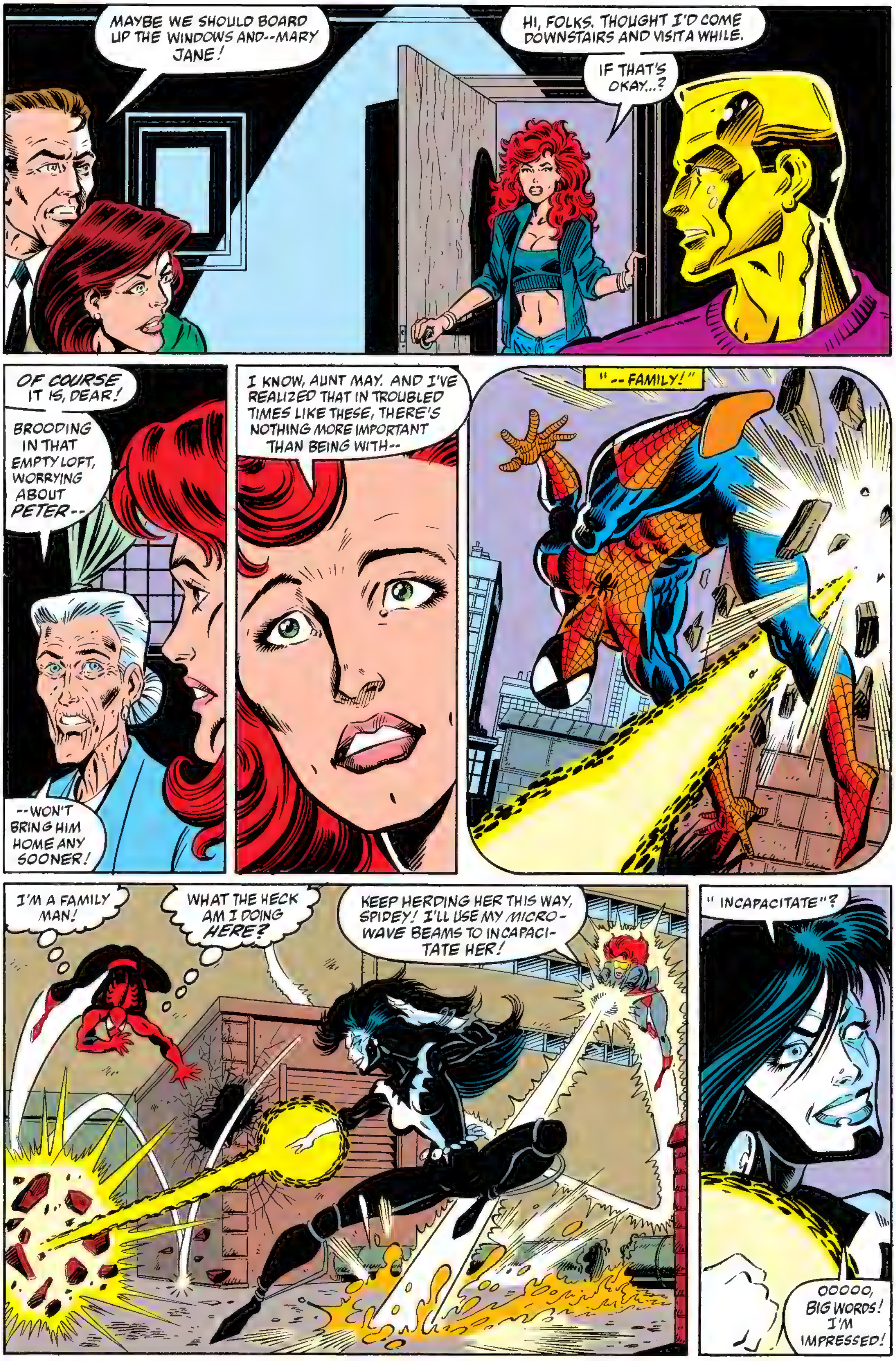

--WE MOVE NORTH TO NEAR-DAWN MANHATTAN, TO JOIN THE TWO INTRUDERS' ALLIES: FIRESTAR, IRON FIST, CAPTAIN AMERICA, DEATHLOK--
--AND YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!
WE HAVE TO FIND IT!
WE HAVE TO!
WE'RE WITH YOU ON THAT, WEB-SLINGER!
THE CITY'S GRIPPED IN MADNESS--
--AND THE ONLY WAY TO STOP IT--
--IS TO LOCATE ITS SOURCE!
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES LEFT WHO CAN KEEP NEW YORK FROM SLIPPING COMPLETELY INTO CHAOS!
WE'VE GOT TO REMEMBER THAT! IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS!
THE ONLY THING!

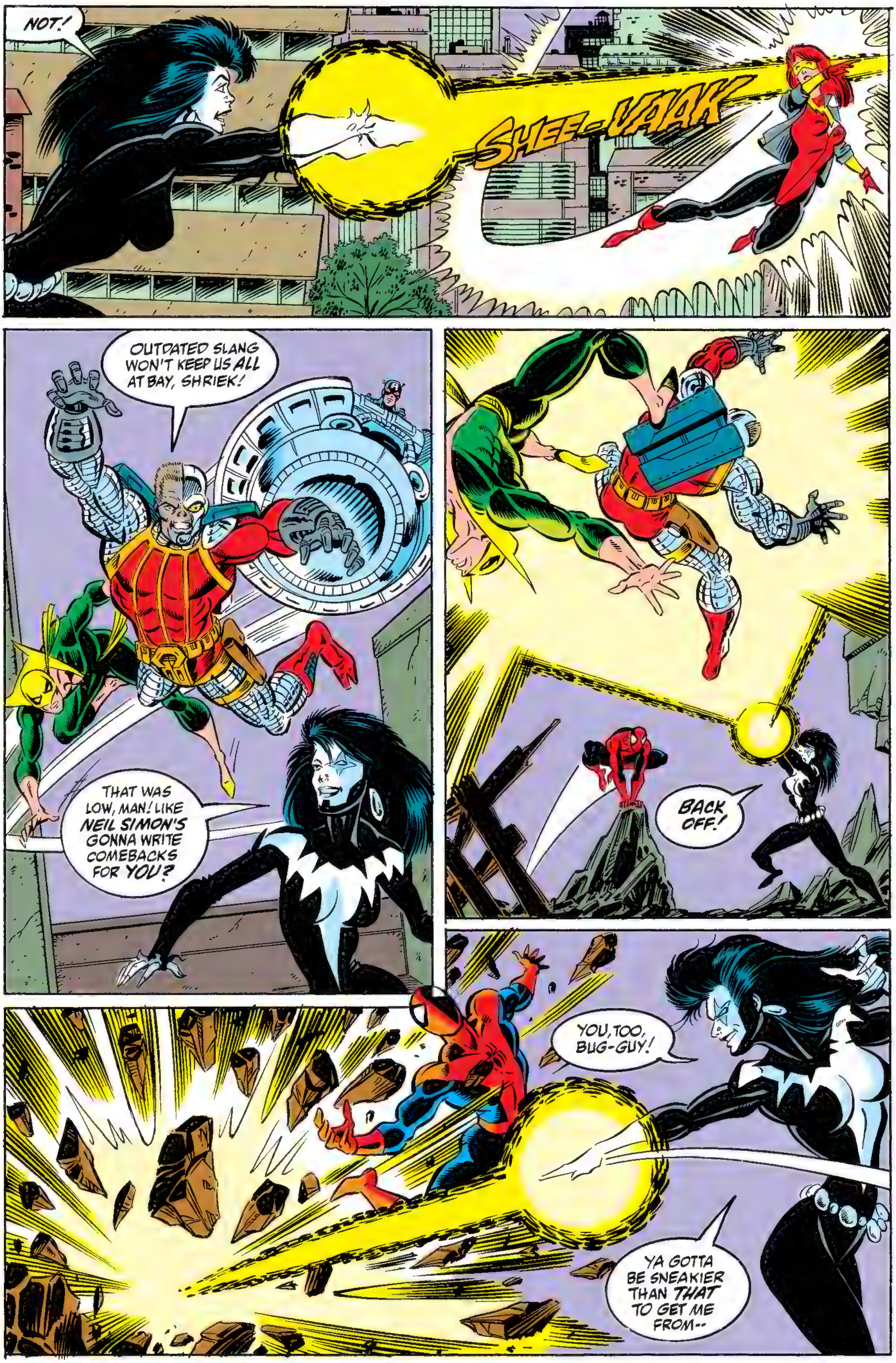

IS IT?
I GUESS CAP AND DEATHLOK AREN'T MARRIED! I ASKED MARY JANE FOR HER BLESSING, HER SUPPORT, WHEN I REJOINED THE OTHERS FOR THIS BATTLE!* BUT SHE WOULDN'T GIVE IT!
* IN WEB # 102. -- Danny
WITH CAP AND THE OTHERS ON THE JOB NOW, SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY I HAD TO KEEP RISKING MY LIFE!
BUT I MADE THE DECISION TO COME ANYWAY! IT WAS THE ONLY DECISION I FELT I COULD MAKE! ONLY... WAS IT THE RIGHT ONE?
UH, GUYS? YOU KNOW THAT "SOURCE OF INSANITY" WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR?
YEAH?
I THINK--
GOOD LORD!

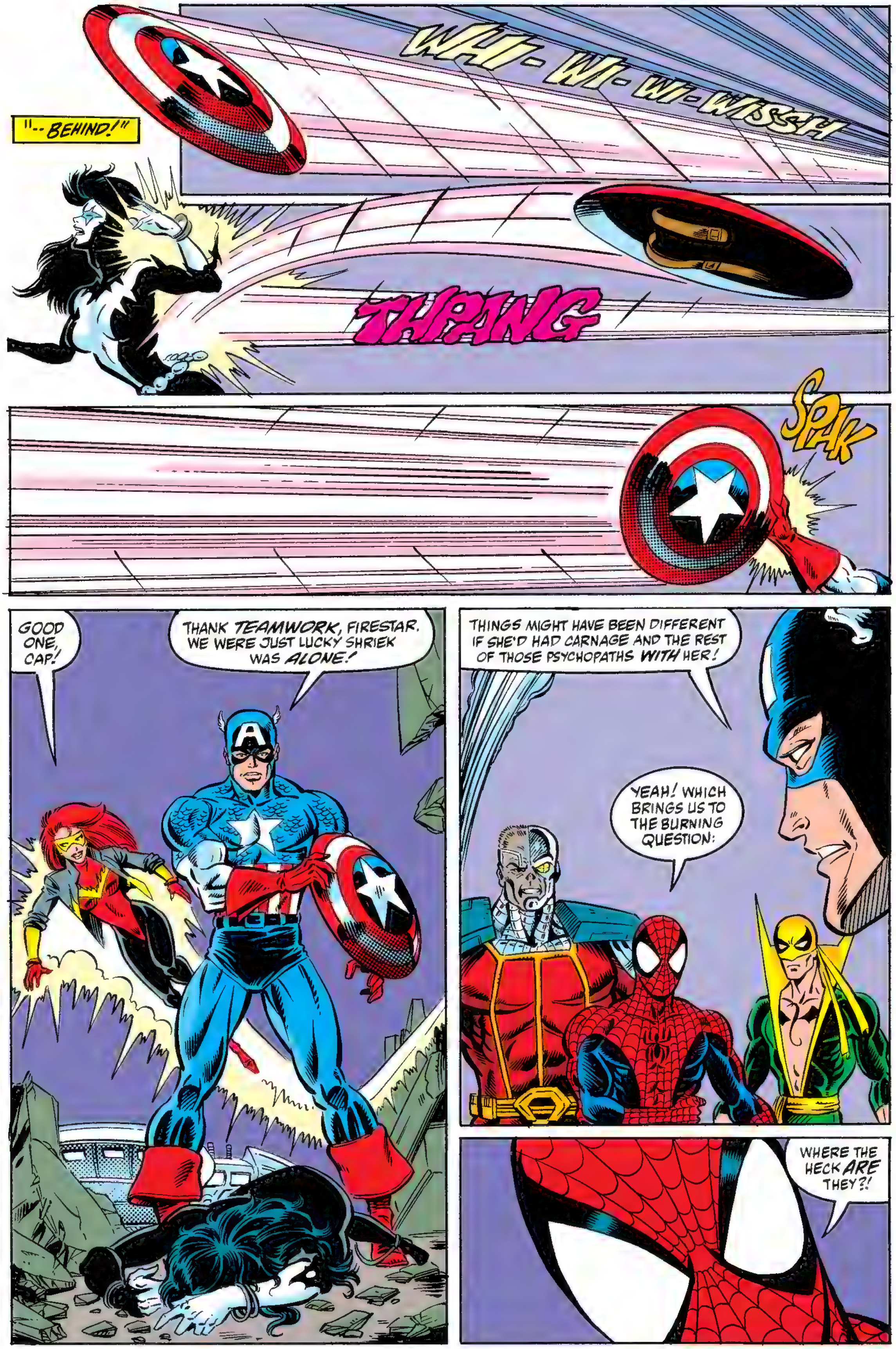

"-- WE'VE *FOUND* IT!"
PARK

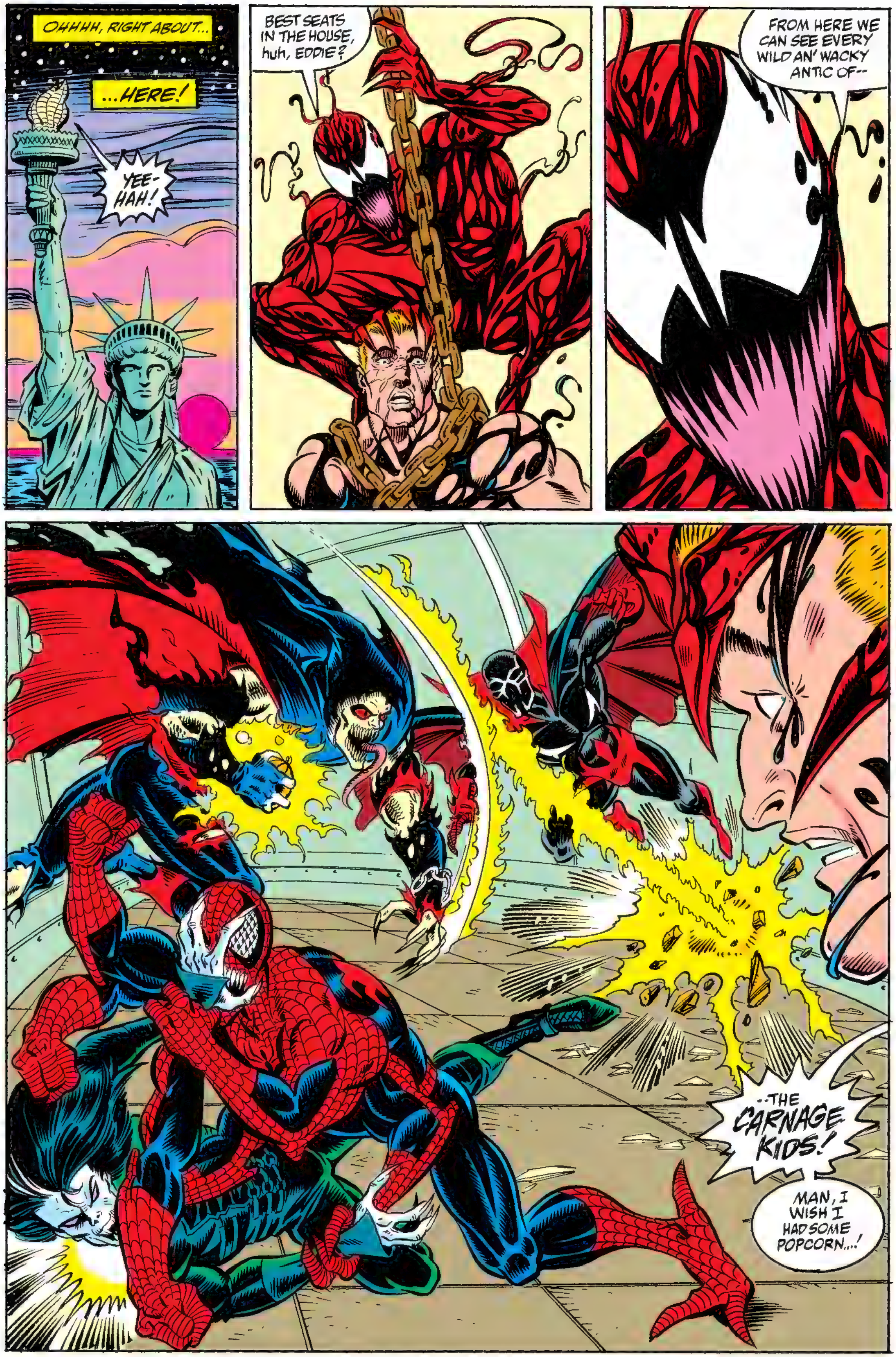

THE OSBORN APARTMENT; SoHo.

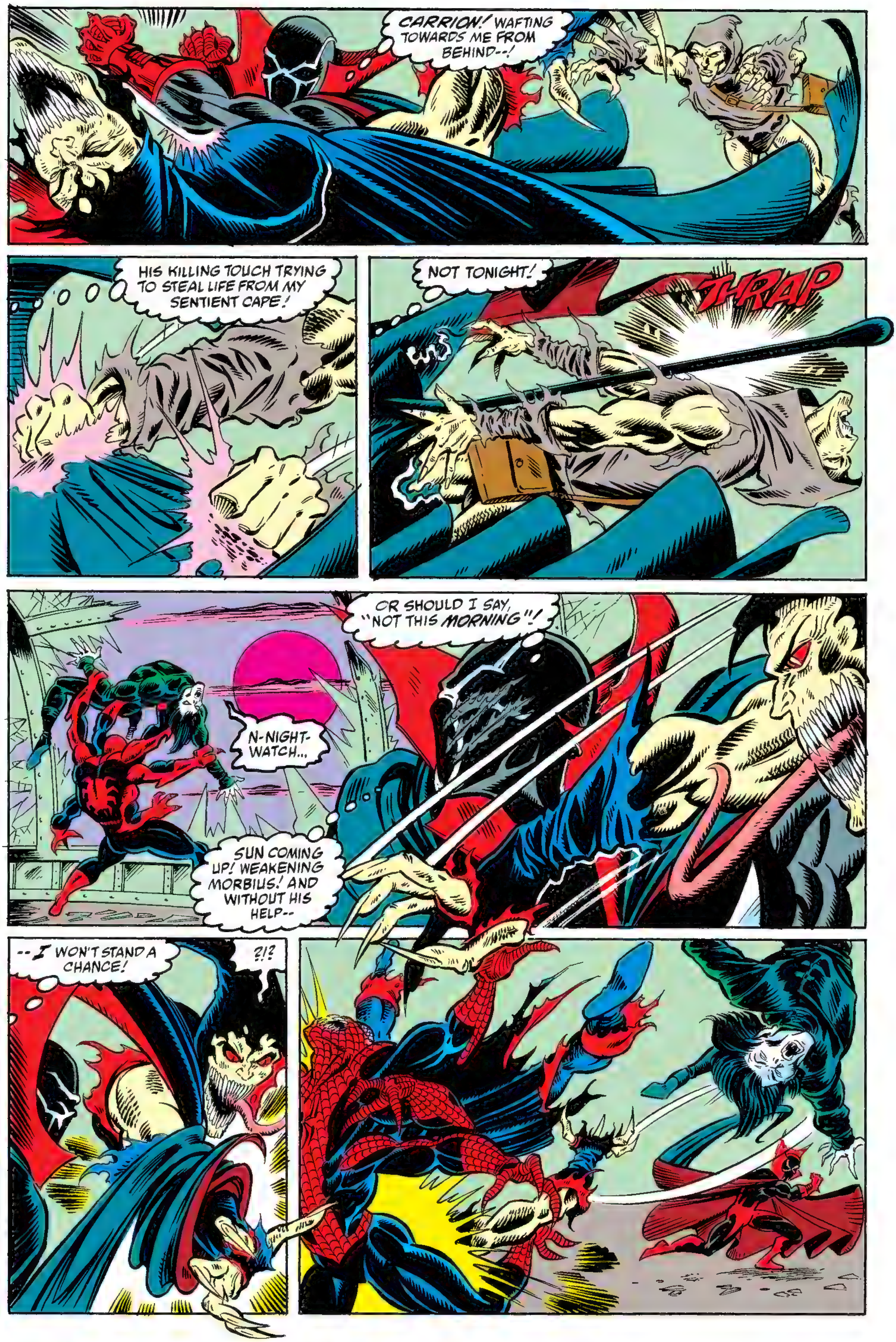

GOOD LORD!
SHE'S THE ONE CALLED "*SHRIEK*," ISN'T SHE? THE ONE WHO ESCAPED FROM THAT MENTAL INSTITUTION?
BLACKOUTS AND LOOTING HAVE ALREADY SPREAD FROM MIDTOWN. HOW LONG BEFORE... *THAT* GETS HERE?

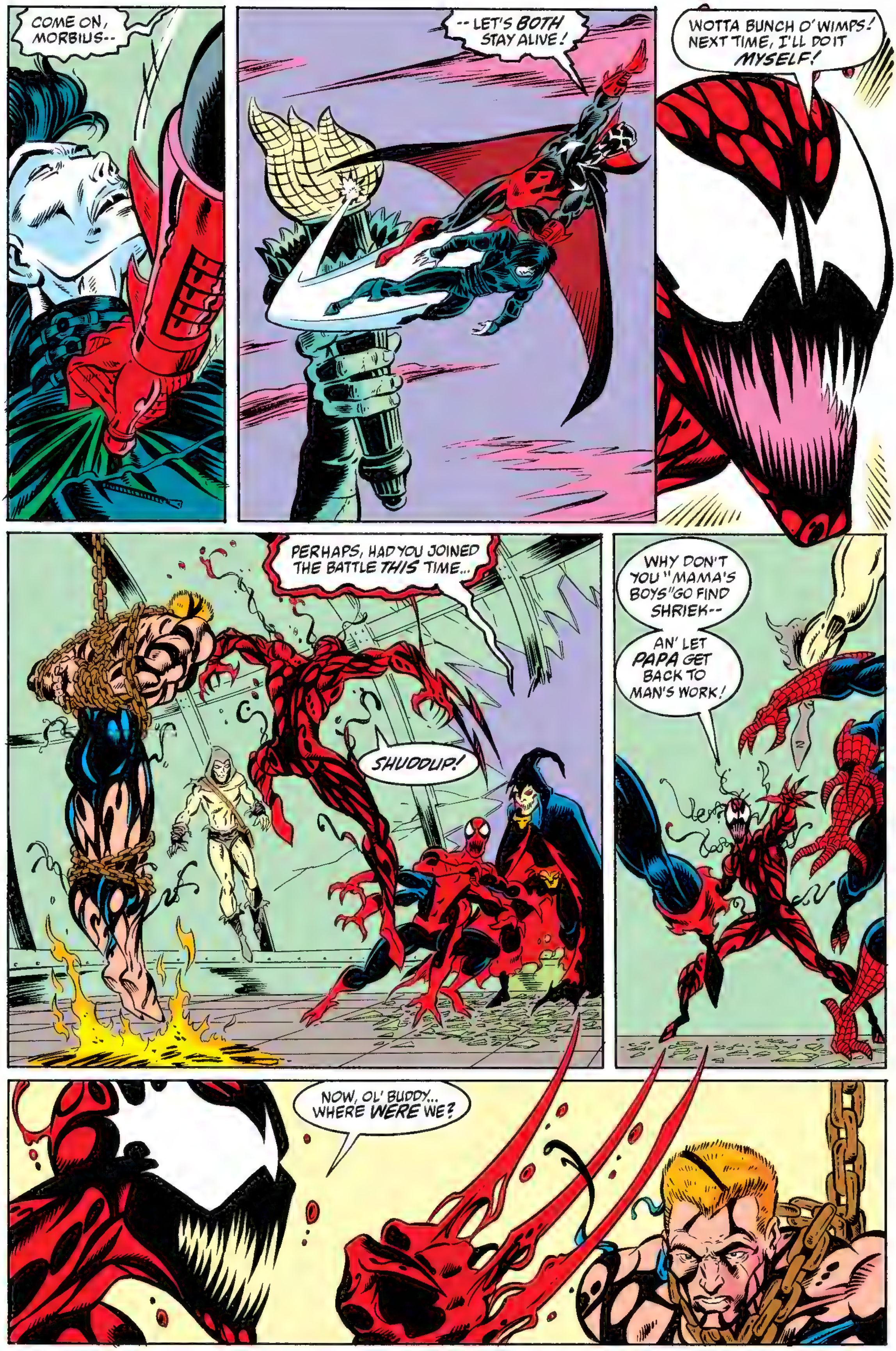

MAYBE WE SHOULD BOARD UP THE WINDOWS AND--MARY JANE!
HI, FOLKS. THOUGHT I'D COME DOWNSTAIRS AND VISIT A WHILE.
IF THAT'S OKAY...?
OF COURSE IT IS, DEAR!
BROODING IN THAT EMPTY LOFT, WORRYING ABOUT PETER--
--WON'T BRING HIM HOME ANY SOONER!
I KNOW, AUNT MAY. AND I'VE REALIZED THAT IN TROUBLED TIMES LIKE THESE, THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN BEING WITH--
"--FAMILY!"
I'M A FAMILY MAN!
WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING HERE?
KEEP HERDING HER THIS WAY, SPIDEY! I'LL USE MY MICROWAVE BEAMS TO INCAPACITATE HER!
"INCAPACITATE"?
OOOOO, BIG WORDS! I'M IMPRESSED!

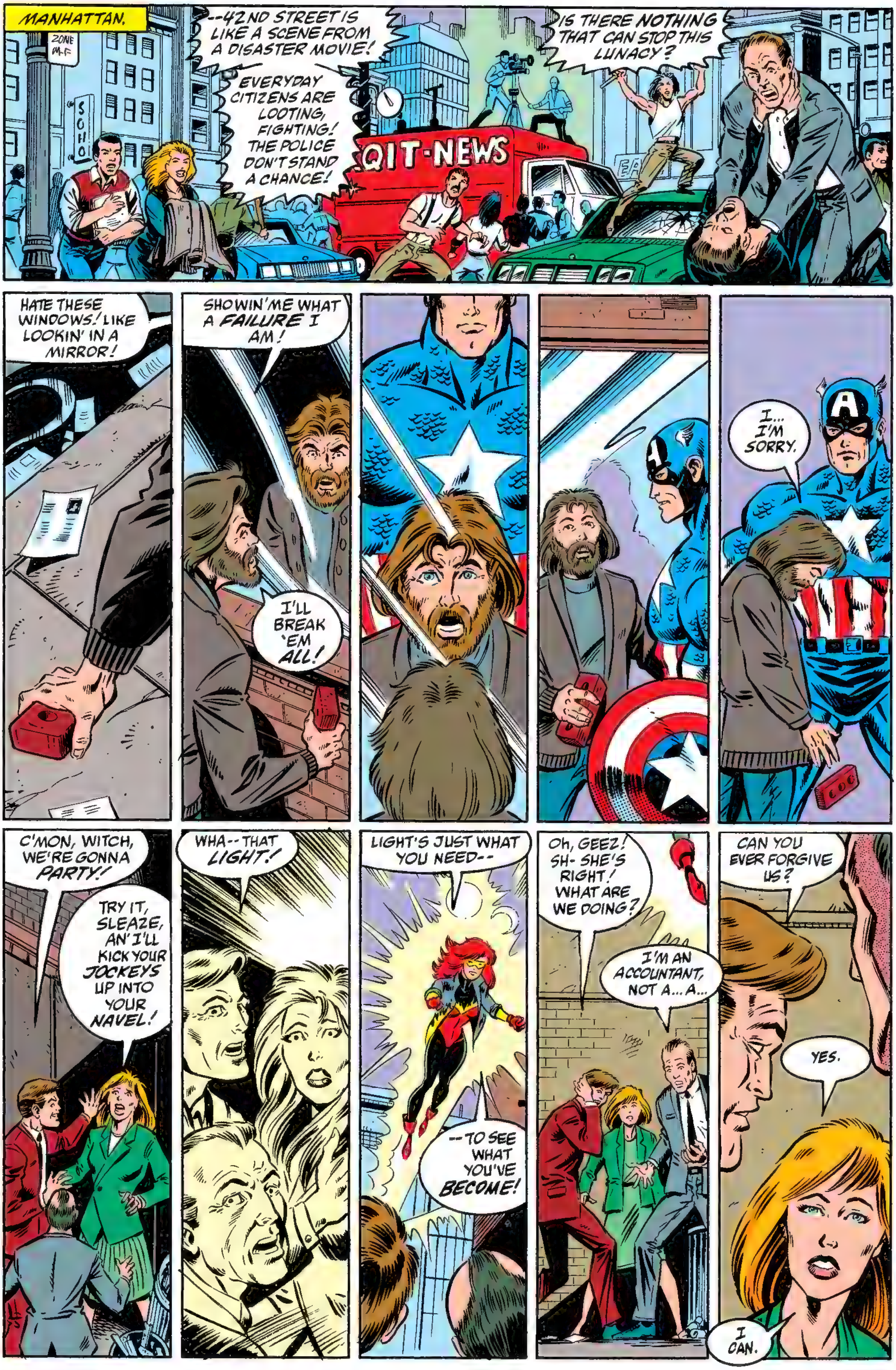

NOT!
SHEE-VAAK
OUTDATED SLANG WON'T KEEP US ALL AT BAY, SHRIEK!
THAT WAS LOW, MAN! LIKE NEIL SIMON'S GONNA WRITE COMEBACKS FOR YOU?
BACK OFF!
YOU, TOO, BUG-GUY!
YA GOTTA BE SNEAKIER THAN THAT TO GET ME FROM--

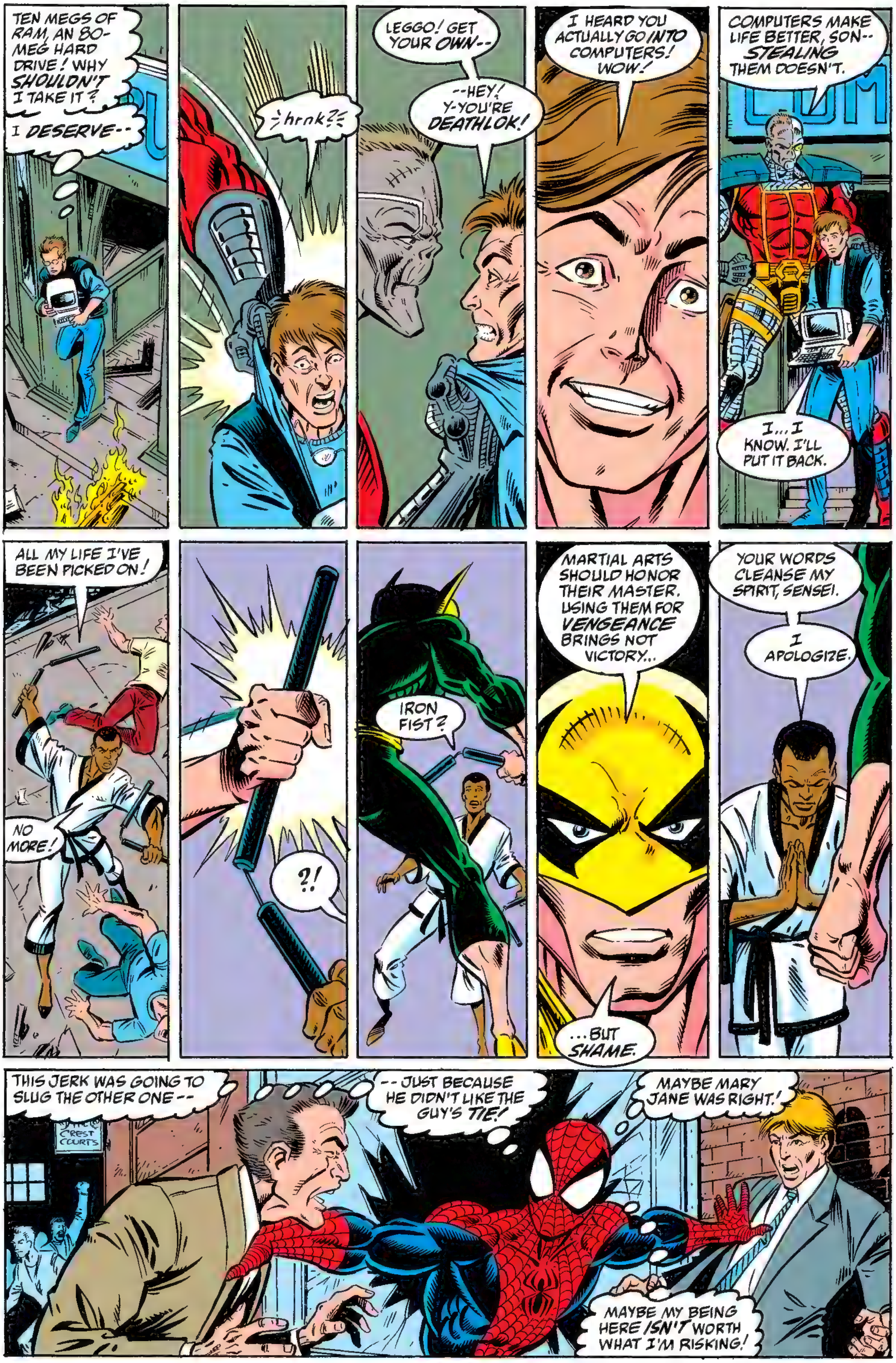

"..BEHIND!"
WHI-WI-WI-WISSH
THPANG
SPAK
GOOD ONE, CAP!
THANK *TEAMWORK*, FIRESTAR. WE WERE JUST LUCKY SHRIEK WAS *ALONE!*
THINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT IF SHE'D HAD CARNAGE AND THE REST OF THOSE PSYCHOPATHS *WITH* HER!
YEAH! WHICH BRINGS US TO THE BURNING QUESTION:
WHERE THE HECK *ARE* THEY?!

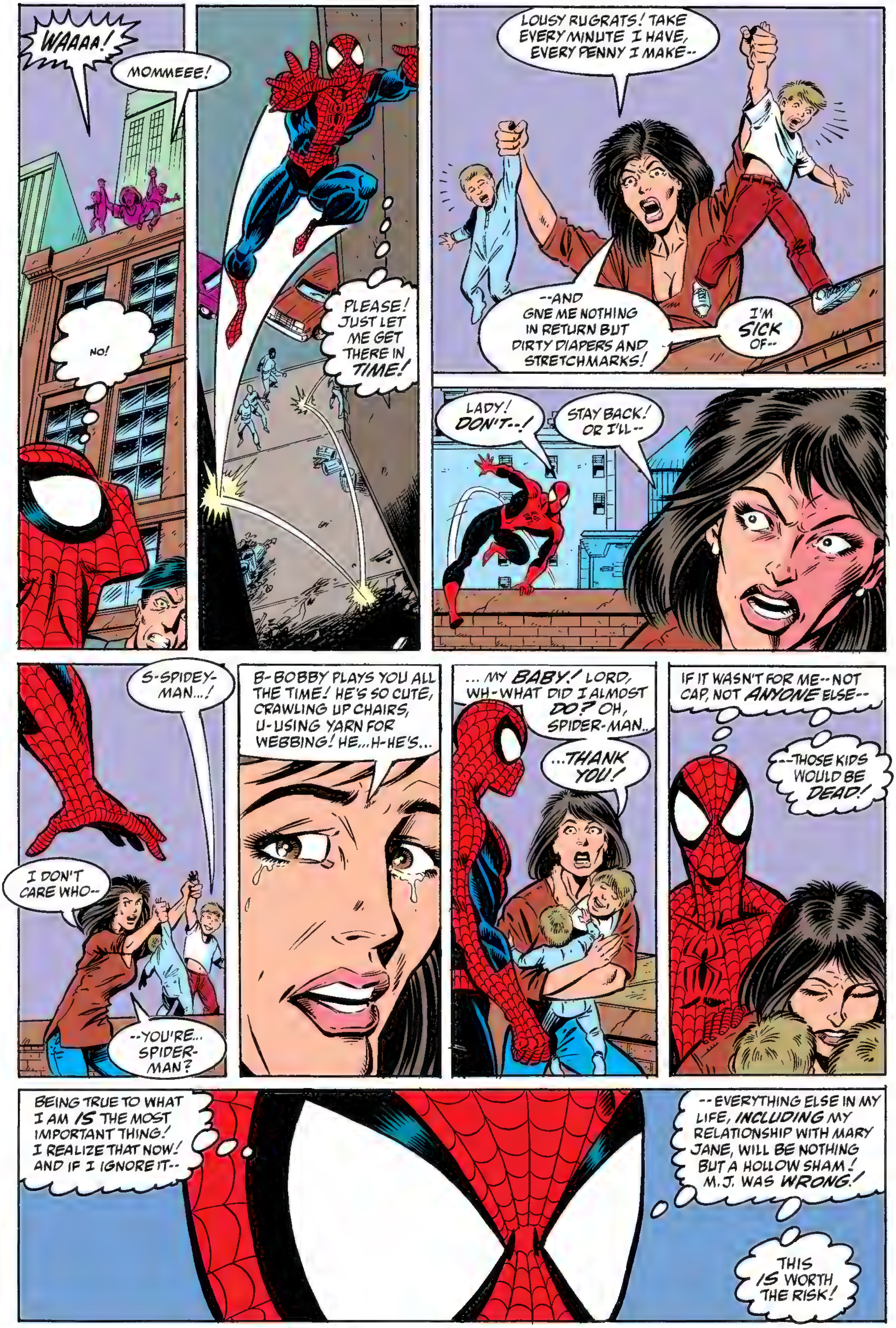

OHHHH, RIGHT ABOUT...
...HERE!
YEE-HAH!
BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE, huh, EDDIE?
FROM HERE WE CAN SEE EVERY WILD AN' WACKY ANTIC OF--
--THE CARNAGE KIDS!
MAN, I WISH I HAD SOME POPCORN...!

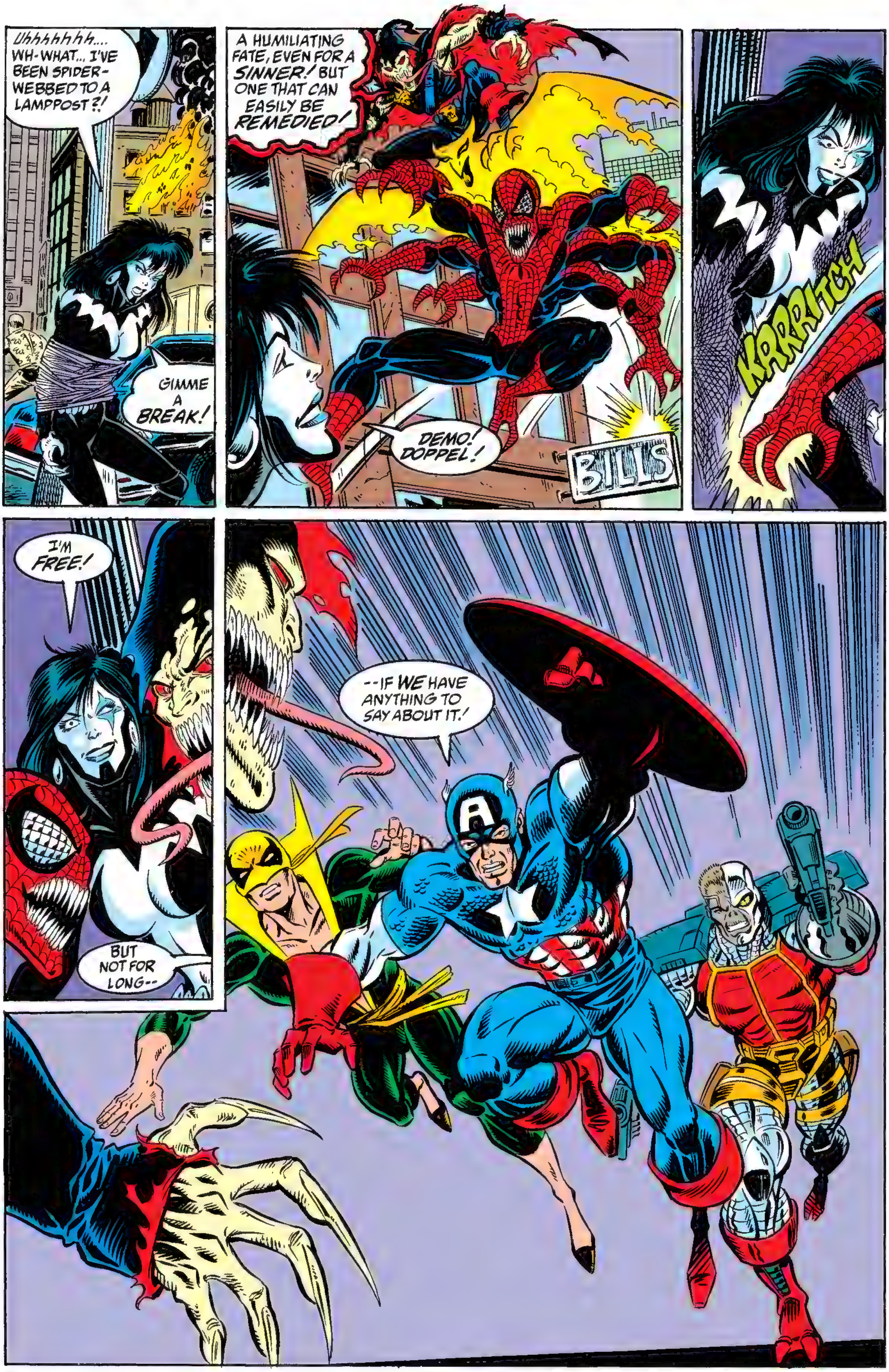

CARRION! WAFTING TOWARDS ME FROM BEHIND--!
HIS KILLING TOUCH TRYING TO STEAL LIFE FROM MY SENTIENT CAPE!
NOT TONIGHT!
THRAP
OR SHOULD I SAY, "NOT THIS MORNING"!
N-NIGHT-WATCH...
SUN COMING UP! WEAKENING MORBIUS! AND WITHOUT HIS HELP--
--I WON'T STAND A CHANCE!
?!?

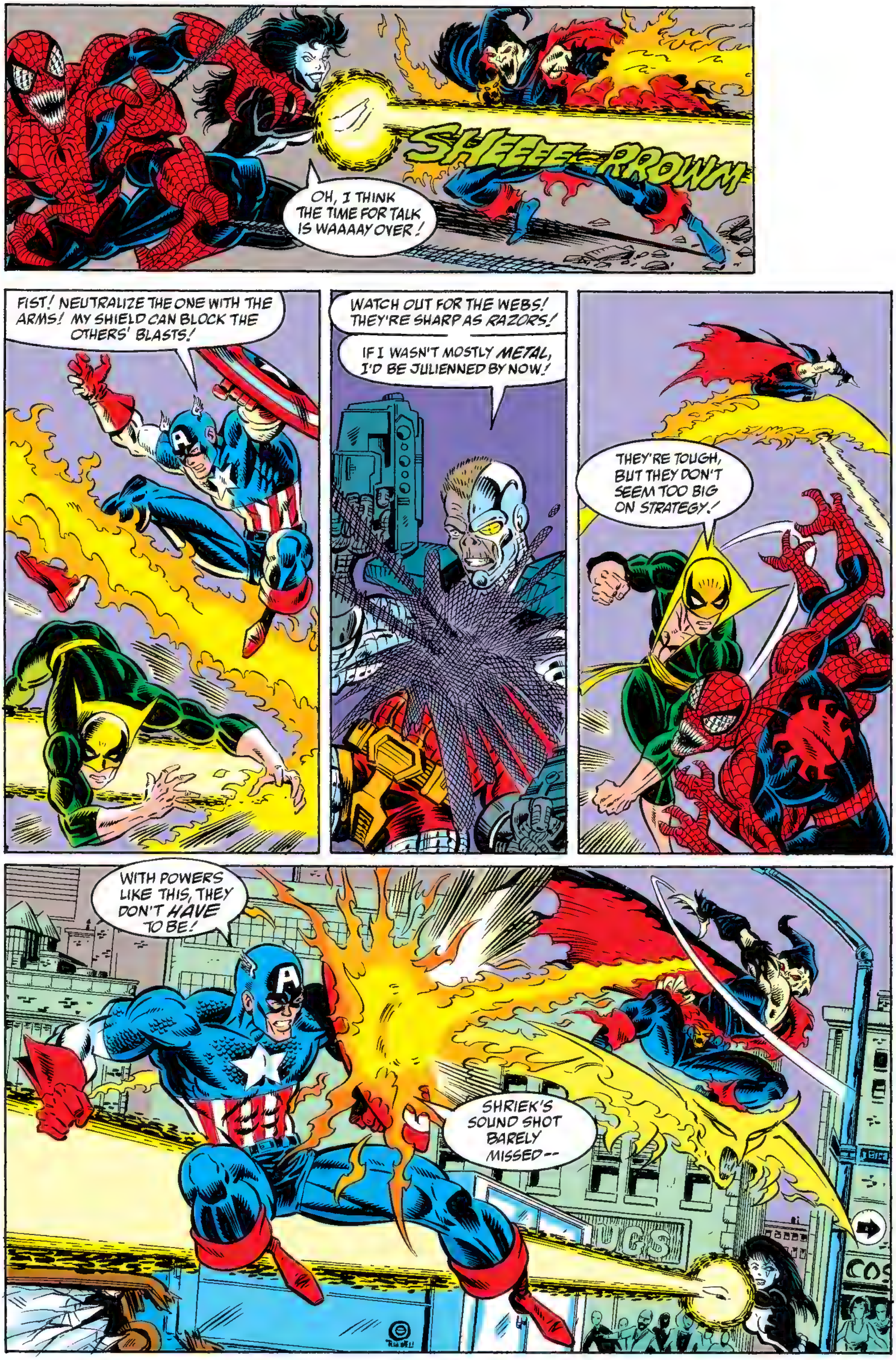

COME ON, MORBIUS--
--LET'S *BOTH* STAY ALIVE!
WOTTA BUNCH O' WIMPS! NEXT TIME, I'LL DO IT *MYSELF!*
PERHAPS, HAD YOU JOINED THE BATTLE *THIS* TIME...
SHUDDUP!
WHY DON'T YOU "MAMA'S BOYS" GO FIND SHRIEK--
AN' LET *PAPA* GET BACK TO MAN'S WORK!
NOW, OL' BUDDY... WHERE *WERE* WE?

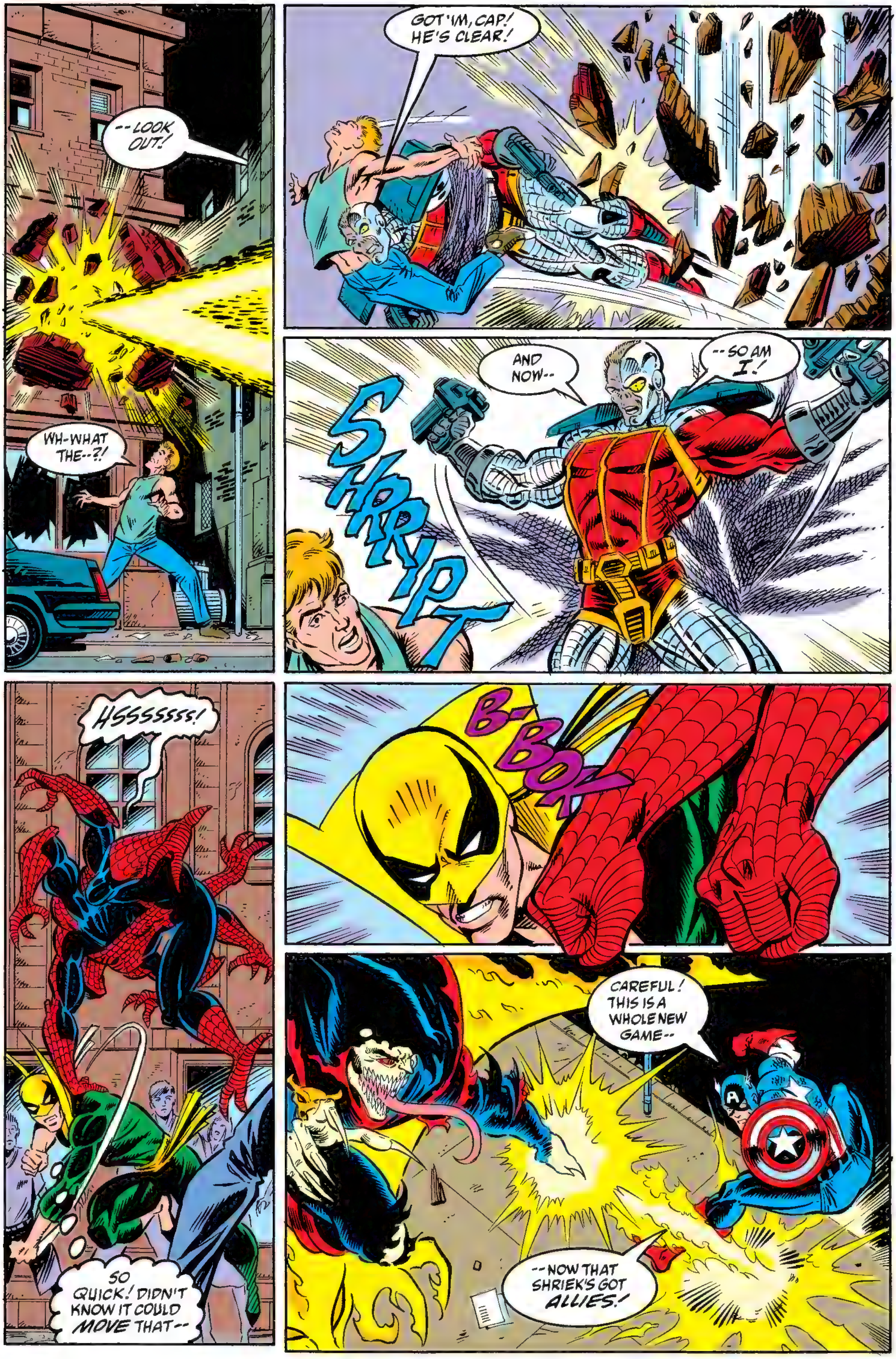

MANHATTAN.
--42ND STREET IS LIKE A SCENE FROM A DISASTER MOVIE!
EVERYDAY CITIZENS ARE LOOTING, FIGHTING! THE POLICE DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
IS THERE NOTHING THAT CAN STOP THIS LUNACY?
ZONE M-F
SOHO
QIT-NEWS
HATE THESE WINDOWS! LIKE LOOKIN' IN A MIRROR!
SHOWIN' ME WHAT A FAILURE I AM!
I'LL BREAK 'EM ALL!
I... I'M SORRY.
C'MON, WITCH, WE'RE GONNA PARTY!
TRY IT, SLEAZE, AN' I'LL KICK YOUR JOCKEYS UP INTO YOUR NAVEL!
WHA-- THAT LIGHT!
LIGHT'S JUST WHAT YOU NEED--
--TO SEE WHAT YOU'VE BECOME!
Oh, GEEZ! SH- SHE'S RIGHT! WHAT ARE WE DOING?
I'M AN ACCOUNTANT, NOT A... A...
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE US?
YES.
I CAN.

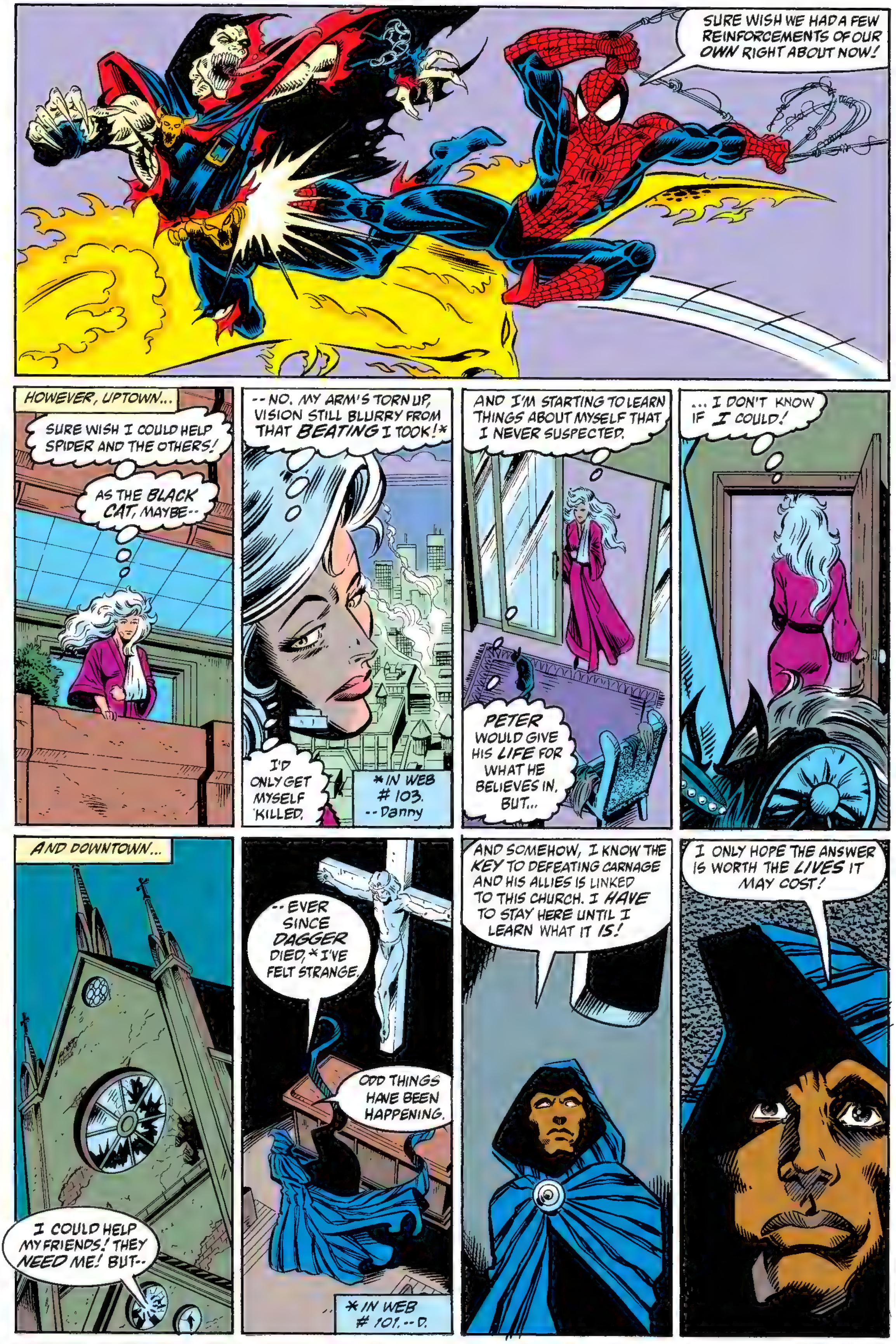

TEN MEGS OF RAM, AN 80-MEG HARD DRIVE! WHY SHOULDN'T I TAKE IT?
I DESERVE--
hrnk?
LEGGO! GET YOUR OWN--
--HEY! Y-YOU'RE DEATHLOK!
I HEARD YOU ACTUALLY GO INTO COMPUTERS! WOW!
COMPUTERS MAKE LIFE BETTER, SON-- STEALING THEM DOESN'T.
I... I KNOW. I'LL PUT IT BACK.
ALL MY LIFE I'VE BEEN PICKED ON!
NO MORE!
?!
IRON FIST?
MARTIAL ARTS SHOULD HONOR THEIR MASTER. USING THEM FOR VENGEANCE BRINGS NOT VICTORY...
...BUT SHAME.
YOUR WORDS CLEANSE MY SPIRIT, SENSEI.
I APOLOGIZE.
THIS JERK WAS GOING TO SLUG THE OTHER ONE--
CREST COURTS
--JUST BECAUSE HE DIDN'T LIKE THE GUY'S TIE!
MAYBE MARY JANE WAS RIGHT!
MAYBE MY BEING HERE ISN'T WORTH WHAT I'M RISKING!

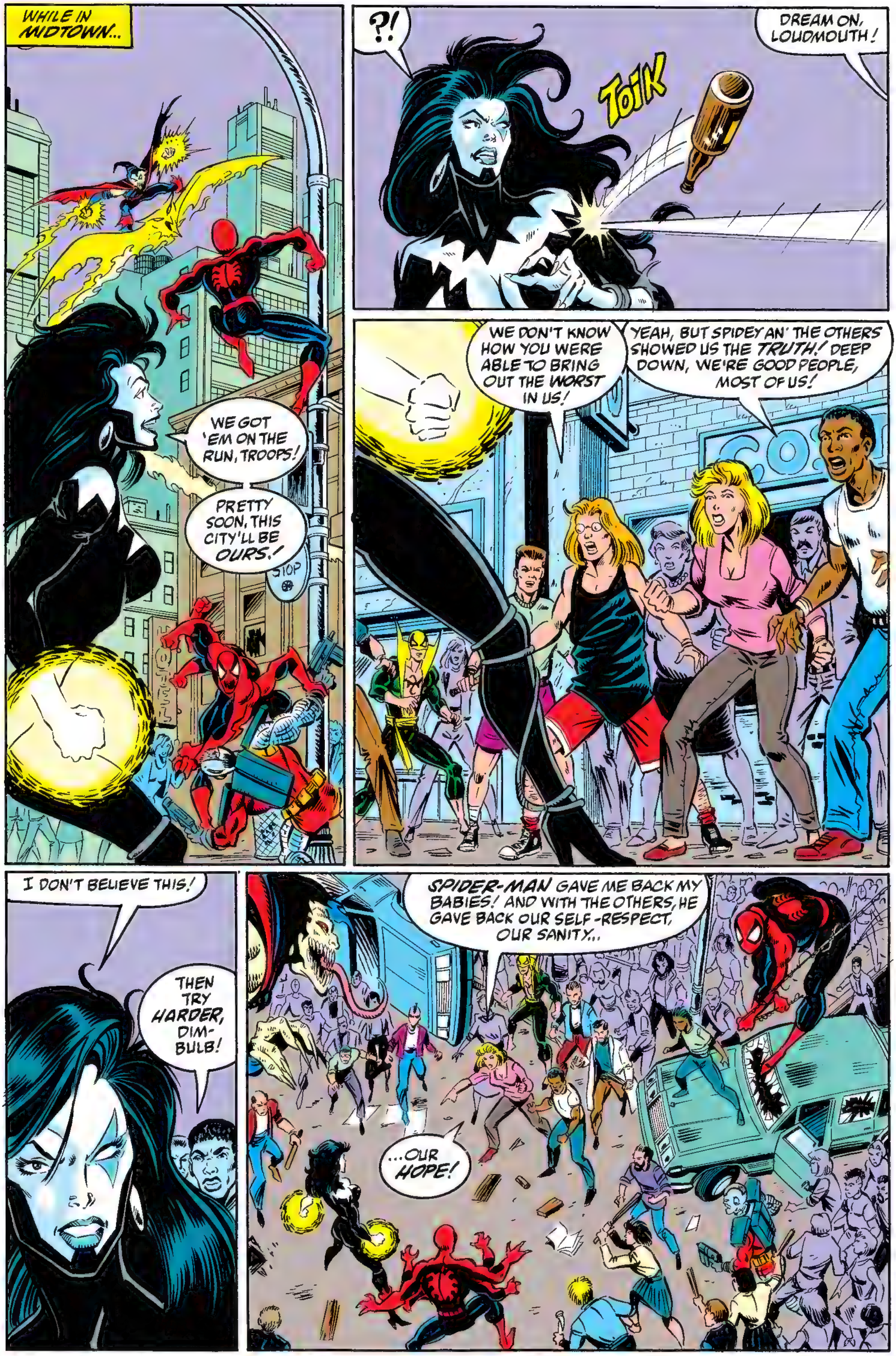

WAAAA!
MOMMEEE!
NO!
PLEASE! JUST LET ME GET THERE IN TIME!
LOUSY RUGRATS! TAKE EVERY MINUTE I HAVE, EVERY PENNY I MAKE--
--AND GIVE ME NOTHING IN RETURN BUT DIRTY DIAPERS AND STRETCHMARKS!
I'M SICK OF--
LADY! DON'T--!
STAY BACK! OR I'LL--
S-SPIDEY-MAN...!
I DON'T CARE WHO--
--YOU'RE... SPIDER-MAN?
B-BOBBY PLAYS YOU ALL THE TIME! HE'S SO CUTE, CRAWLING UP CHAIRS, U-USING YARN FOR WEBBING! HE... H-HE'S...
...MY BABY! LORD, WH-WHAT DID I ALMOST DO? OH, SPIDER-MAN...
...THANK YOU!
IF IT WASN'T FOR ME--NOT CAP, NOT ANYONE ELSE--
--THOSE KIDS WOULD BE DEAD!
BEING TRUE TO WHAT I AM IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING! I REALIZE THAT NOW! AND IF I IGNORE IT--
--EVERYTHING ELSE IN MY LIFE, INCLUDING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MARY JANE, WILL BE NOTHING BUT A HOLLOW SHAM! M.J. WAS WRONG!
THIS IS WORTH THE RISK!

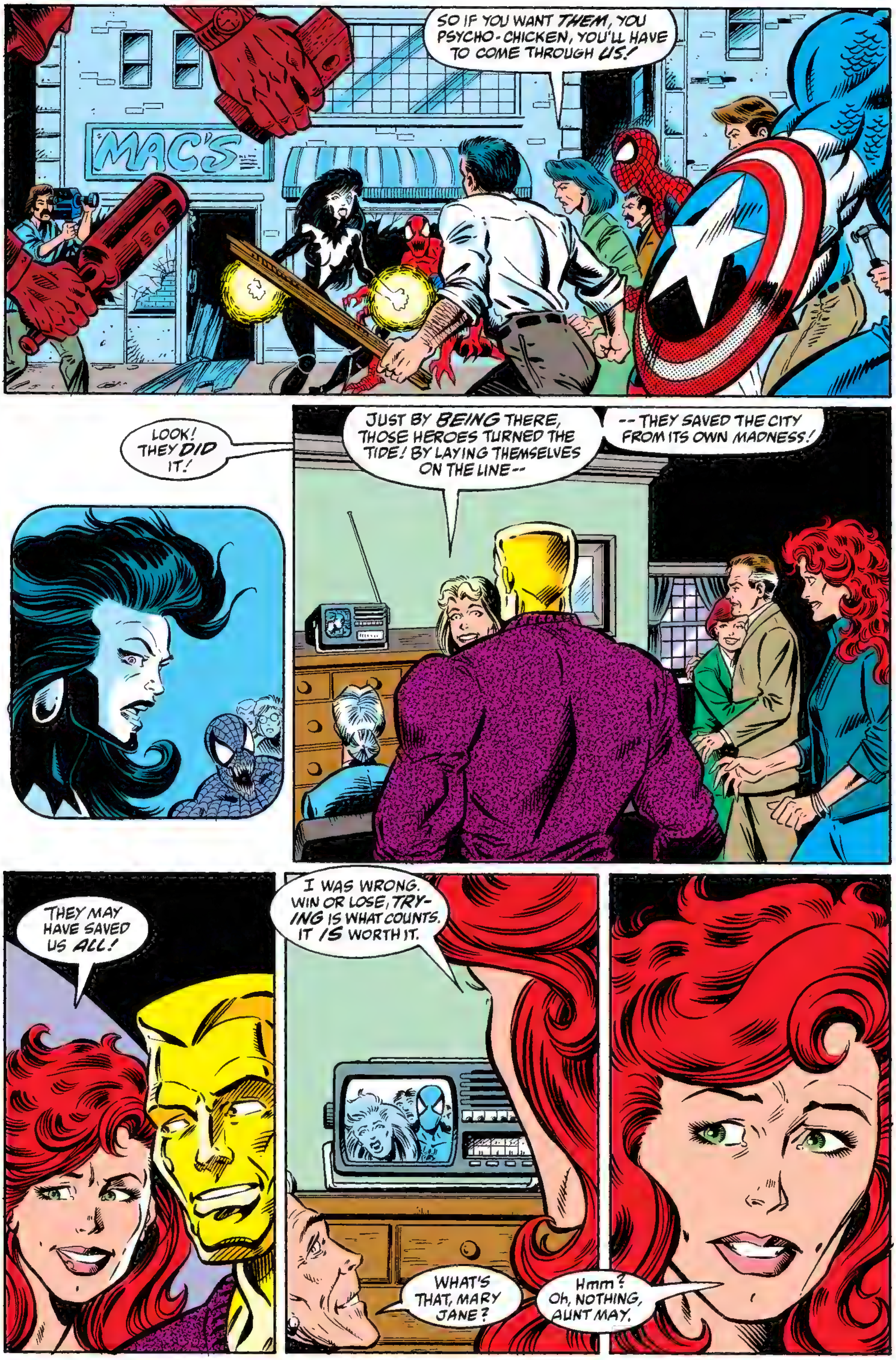

Uhhhhhhh.... WH-WHAT... I'VE BEEN SPIDER-WEBBED TO A LAMPPOST?!
GIMME A BREAK!
A HUMILIATING FATE, EVEN FOR A SINNER! BUT ONE THAT CAN EASILY BE REMEDIED!
DEMO! DOPPEL!
BILLS
KRRRITCH
I'M FREE!
BUT NOT FOR LONG--
--IF WE HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!

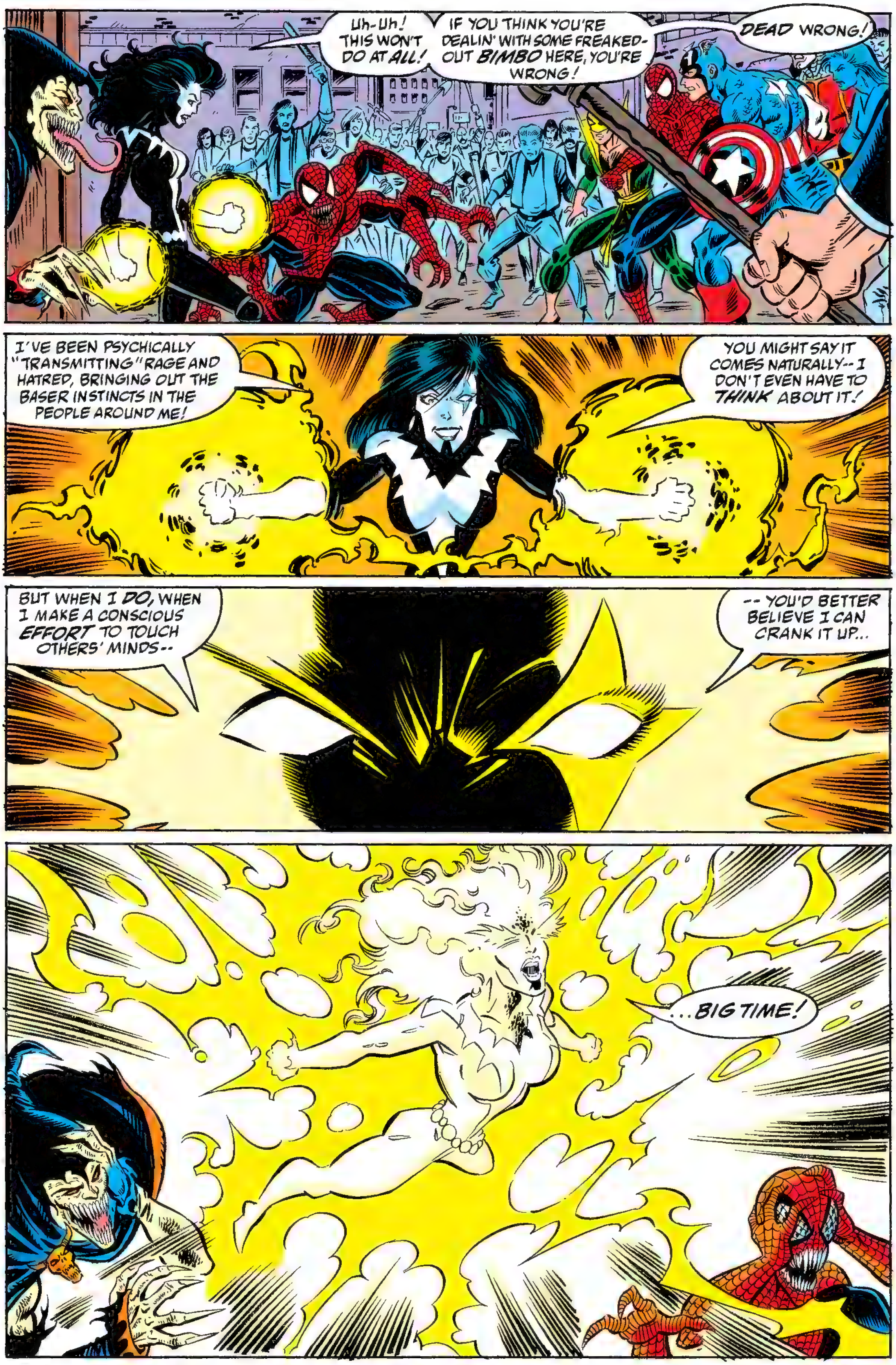

SHEEEE-RROWM
OH, I THINK THE TIME FOR TALK IS WAAAAY OVER!
FIST! NEUTRALIZE THE ONE WITH THE ARMS! MY SHIELD CAN BLOCK THE OTHERS' BLASTS!
WATCH OUT FOR THE WEBS! THEY'RE SHARP AS RAZORS!
IF I WASN'T MOSTLY *METAL*, I'D BE JULIENNED BY NOW!
THEY'RE TOUGH, BUT THEY DON'T SEEM TOO BIG ON STRATEGY!
WITH POWERS LIKE THIS, THEY DON'T *HAVE* TO BE!
SHRIEK'S SOUND SHOT BARELY MISSED--
UGS
COS

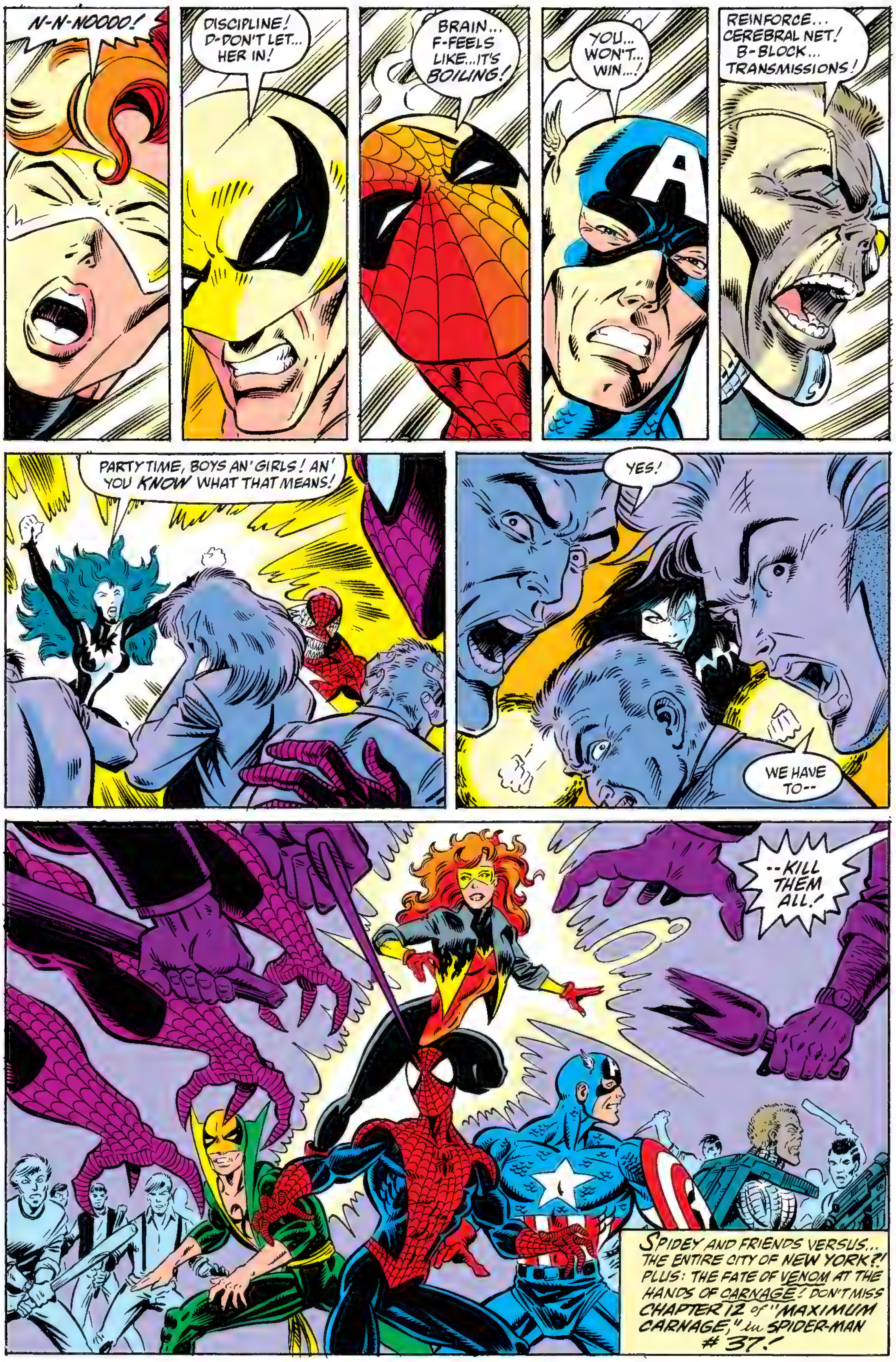

--LOOK OUT!
WH-WHAT THE--?!
GOT 'IM, CAP! HE'S CLEAR!
AND NOW--
--SO AM I!
SHRRIPT
HSSSSSSS!
SO QUICK! DIDN'T KNOW IT COULD *MOVE* THAT--
B-BOK
CAREFUL! THIS IS A WHOLE NEW GAME--
--NOW THAT SHRIEK'S GOT *ALLIES!*

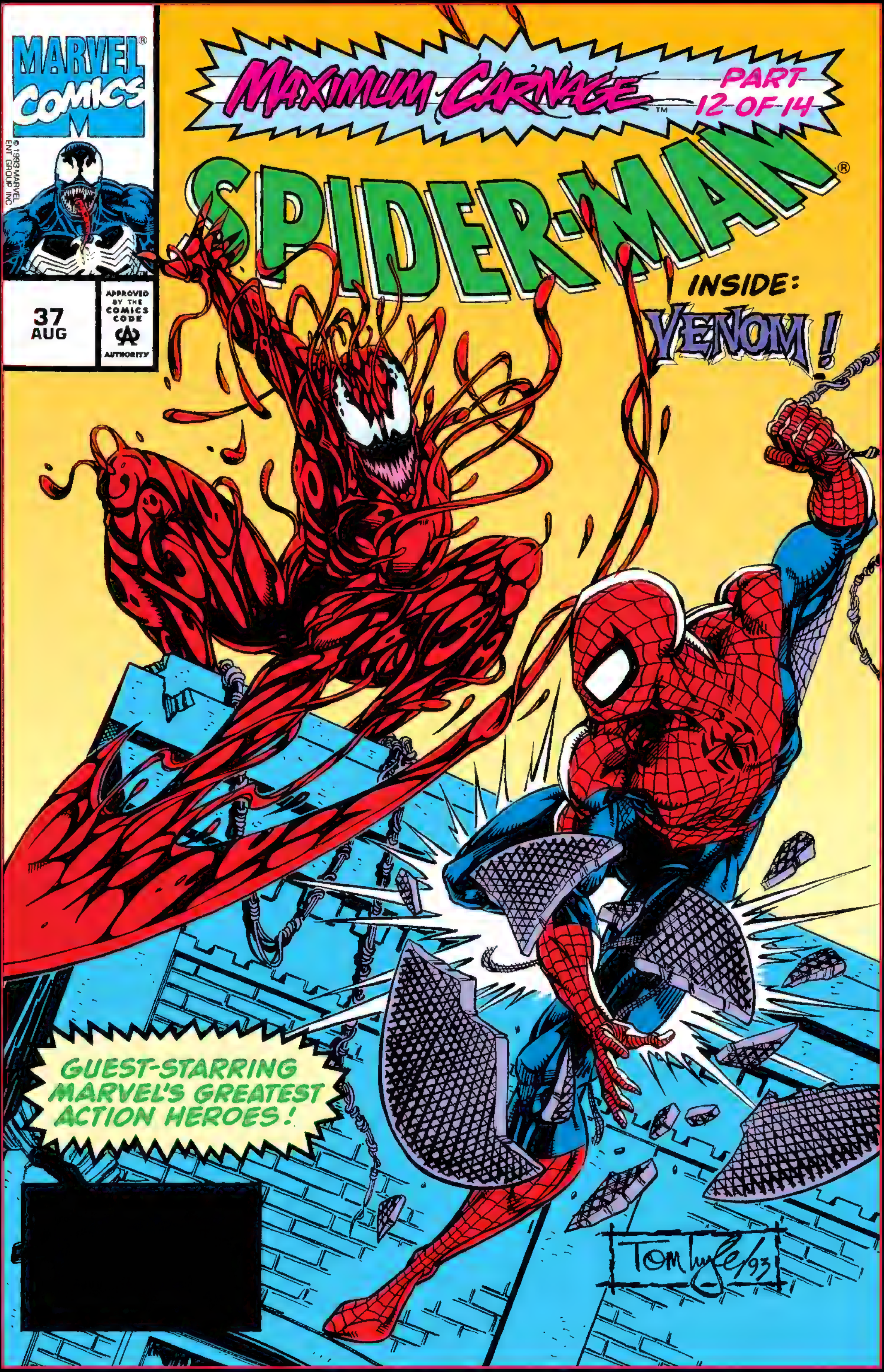

SURE WISH WE HAD A FEW REINFORCEMENTS OF OUR OWN RIGHT ABOUT NOW!
HOWEVER, UPTOWN...
SURE WISH I COULD HELP SPIDER AND THE OTHERS!
AS THE BLACK CAT, MAYBE--
--NO. MY ARM'S TORN UP, VISION STILL BLURRY FROM THAT BEATING I TOOK!*
I'D ONLY GET MYSELF KILLED.
*IN WEB # 103. --Danny
AND I'M STARTING TO LEARN THINGS ABOUT MYSELF THAT I NEVER SUSPECTED.
PETER WOULD GIVE HIS LIFE FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES IN. BUT...
...I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD!
AND DOWNTOWN...
I COULD HELP MY FRIENDS! THEY NEED ME! BUT--
--EVER SINCE DAGGER DIED,* I'VE FELT STRANGE.
ODD THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING.
*IN WEB # 101. --D.
AND SOMEHOW, I KNOW THE KEY TO DEFEATING CARNAGE AND HIS ALLIES IS LINKED TO THIS CHURCH. I HAVE TO STAY HERE UNTIL I LEARN WHAT IT IS!
I ONLY HOPE THE ANSWER IS WORTH THE LIVES IT MAY COST!


WHILE IN MIDTOWN...
WE GOT 'EM ON THE RUN, TROOPS!
PRETTY SOON, THIS CITY'LL BE *OURS!*
STOP
?!
TOIK
DREAM ON, LOUDMOUTH!
WE DON'T KNOW HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO BRING OUT THE *WORST* IN US!
YEAH, BUT SPIDEY AN' THE OTHERS SHOWED US THE *TRUTH!* DEEP DOWN, WE'RE GOOD PEOPLE, MOST OF US!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
THEN TRY *HARDER,* DIM-BULB!
SPIDER-MAN GAVE ME BACK MY BABIES! AND WITH THE OTHERS, HE GAVE BACK OUR SELF-RESPECT, OUR SANITY...
...OUR *HOPE!*


SO IF YOU WANT *THEM*, YOU PSYCHO-CHICKEN, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME THROUGH *US*!
MAC'S
LOOK! THEY *DID* IT!
JUST BY *BEING* THERE, THOSE HEROES TURNED THE TIDE! BY LAYING THEMSELVES ON THE LINE--
--THEY SAVED THE CITY FROM ITS OWN MADNESS!
THEY MAY HAVE SAVED US *ALL*!
I WAS WRONG. WIN OR LOSE, *TRYING* IS WHAT COUNTS. IT *IS* WORTH IT.
WHAT'S THAT, MARY JANE?
Hmm? Oh, NOTHING, AUNT MAY.


UH-UH! THIS WON'T DO AT ALL!
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE DEALIN' WITH SOME FREAKED-OUT BIMBO HERE, YOU'RE WRONG!
DEAD WRONG!
I'VE BEEN PSYCHICALLY "TRANSMITTING" RAGE AND HATRED, BRINGING OUT THE BASER INSTINCTS IN THE PEOPLE AROUND ME!
YOU MIGHT SAY IT COMES NATURALLY-- I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT!
BUT WHEN I DO, WHEN I MAKE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO TOUCH OTHERS' MINDS--
-- YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE I CAN CRANK IT UP...
...BIG TIME!


N-N-NOOOO!
DISCIPLINE! D-DON'T LET... HER IN!
BRAIN... F-FEELS LIKE...IT'S BOILING!
YOU... WON'T... WIN...!
REINFORCE... CEREBRAL NET! B-BLOCK... TRANSMISSIONS!
PARTY TIME, BOYS AN' GIRLS! AN' YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!
YES!
WE HAVE TO--
--KILL THEM ALL!
SPIDEY AND FRIENDS VERSUS... THE ENTIRE CITY OF NEW YORK?! PLUS: THE FATE OF VENOM AT THE HANDS OF CARNAGE! DON'T MISS CHAPTER 12 of "MAXIMUM CARNAGE," in SPIDER-MAN # 37!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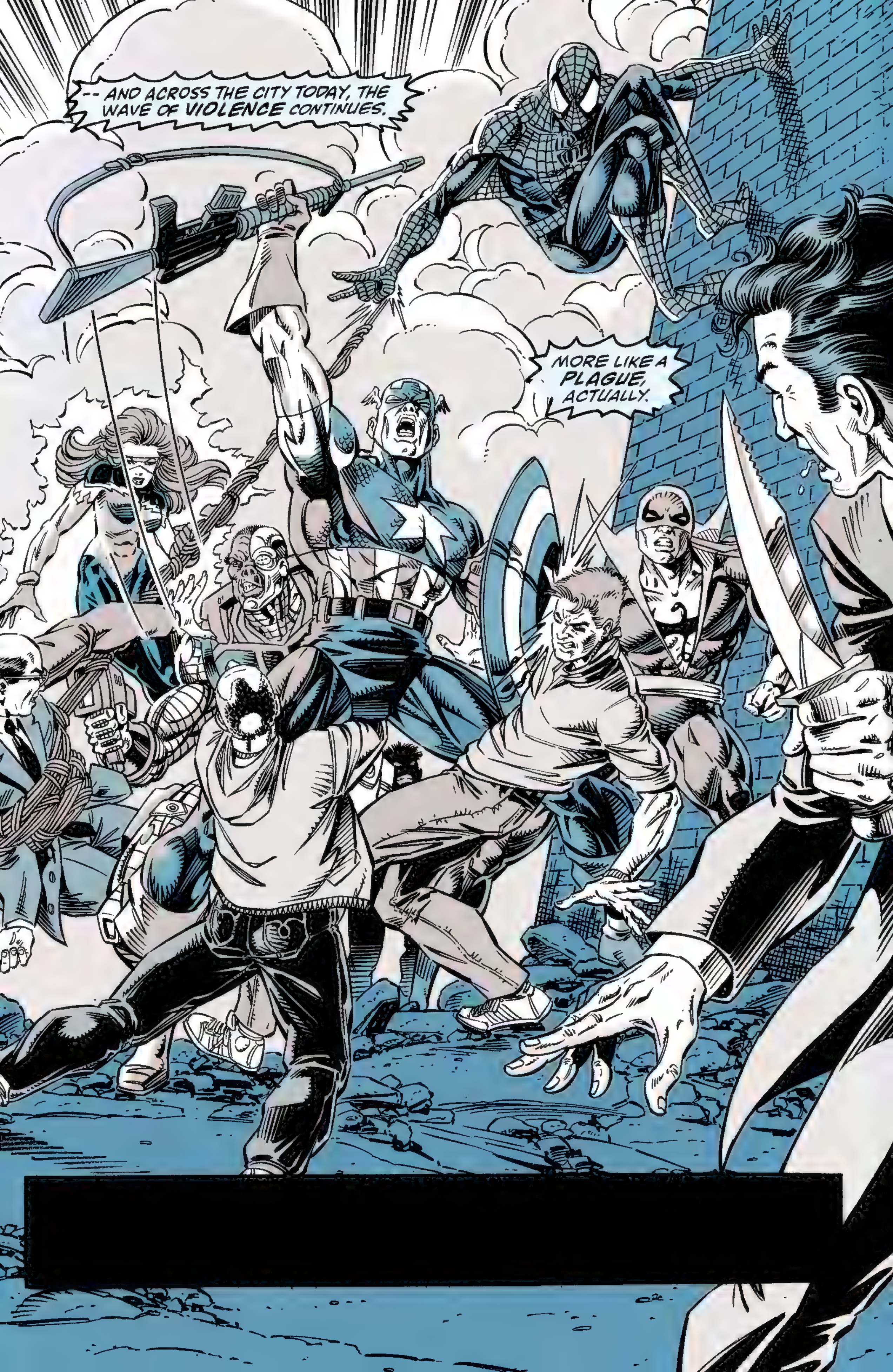
-- AND ACROSS THE CITY TODAY, THE WAVE OF **VIOLENCE** CONTINUES.
MORE LIKE A **PLAGUE**, ACTUALLY.

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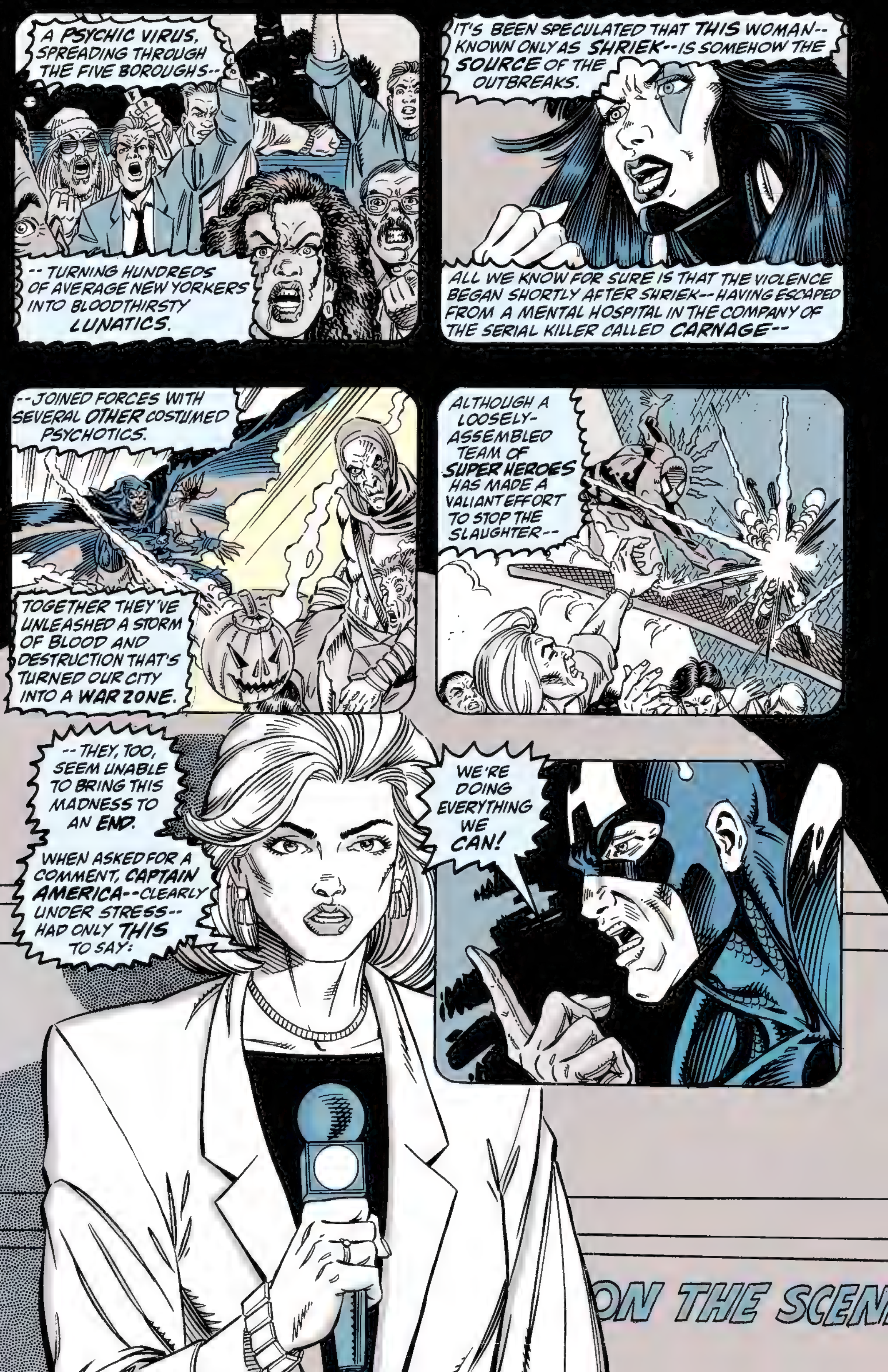
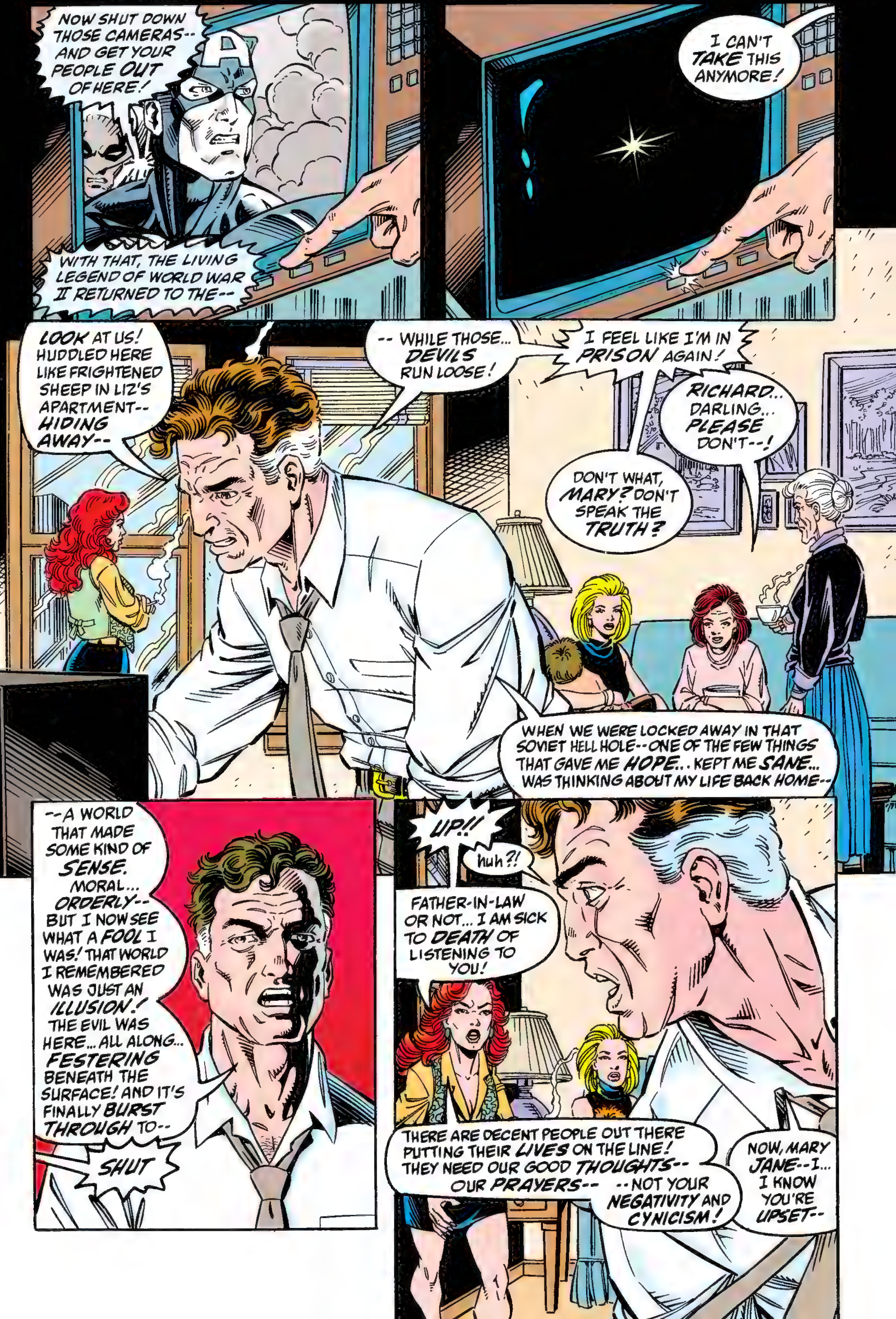
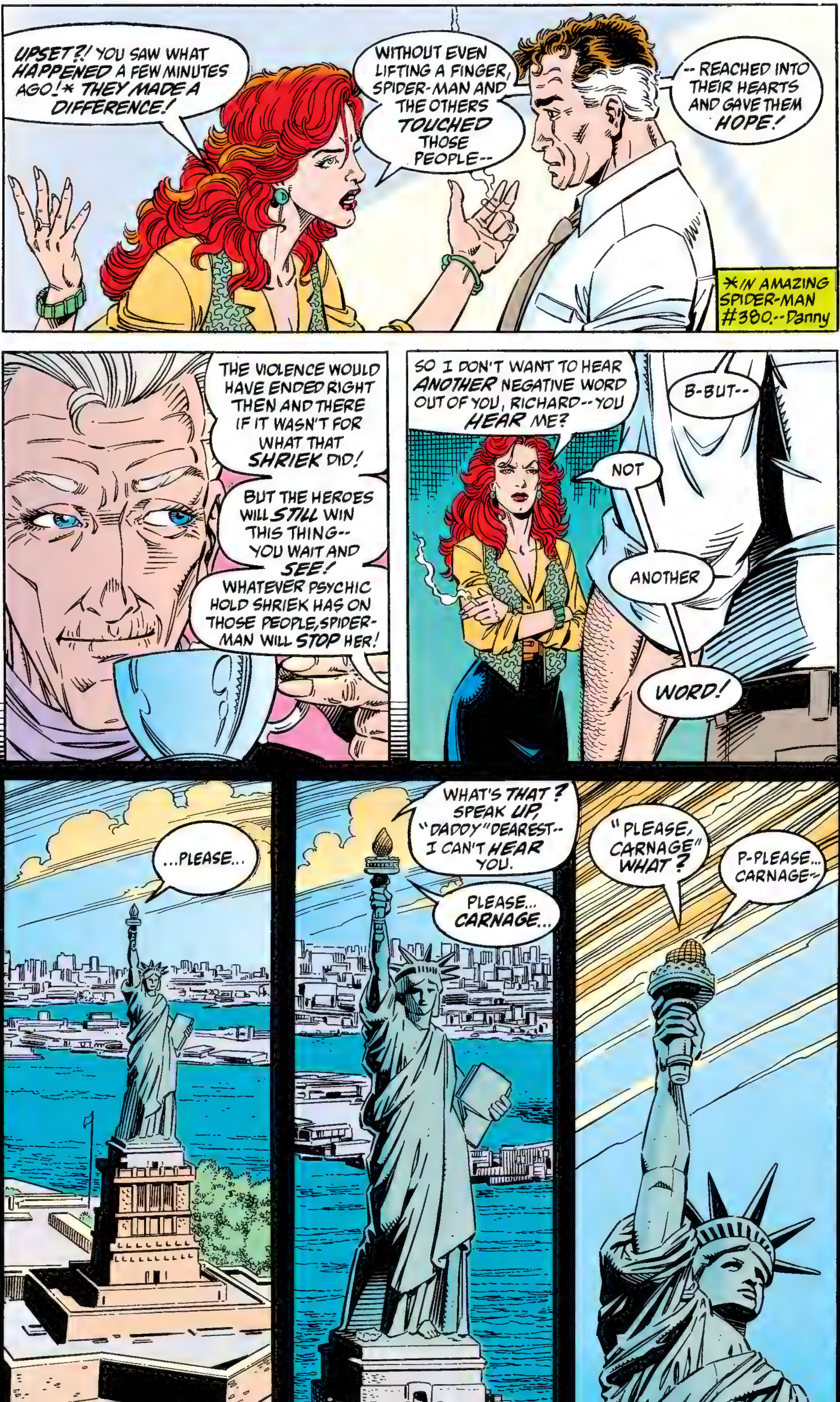
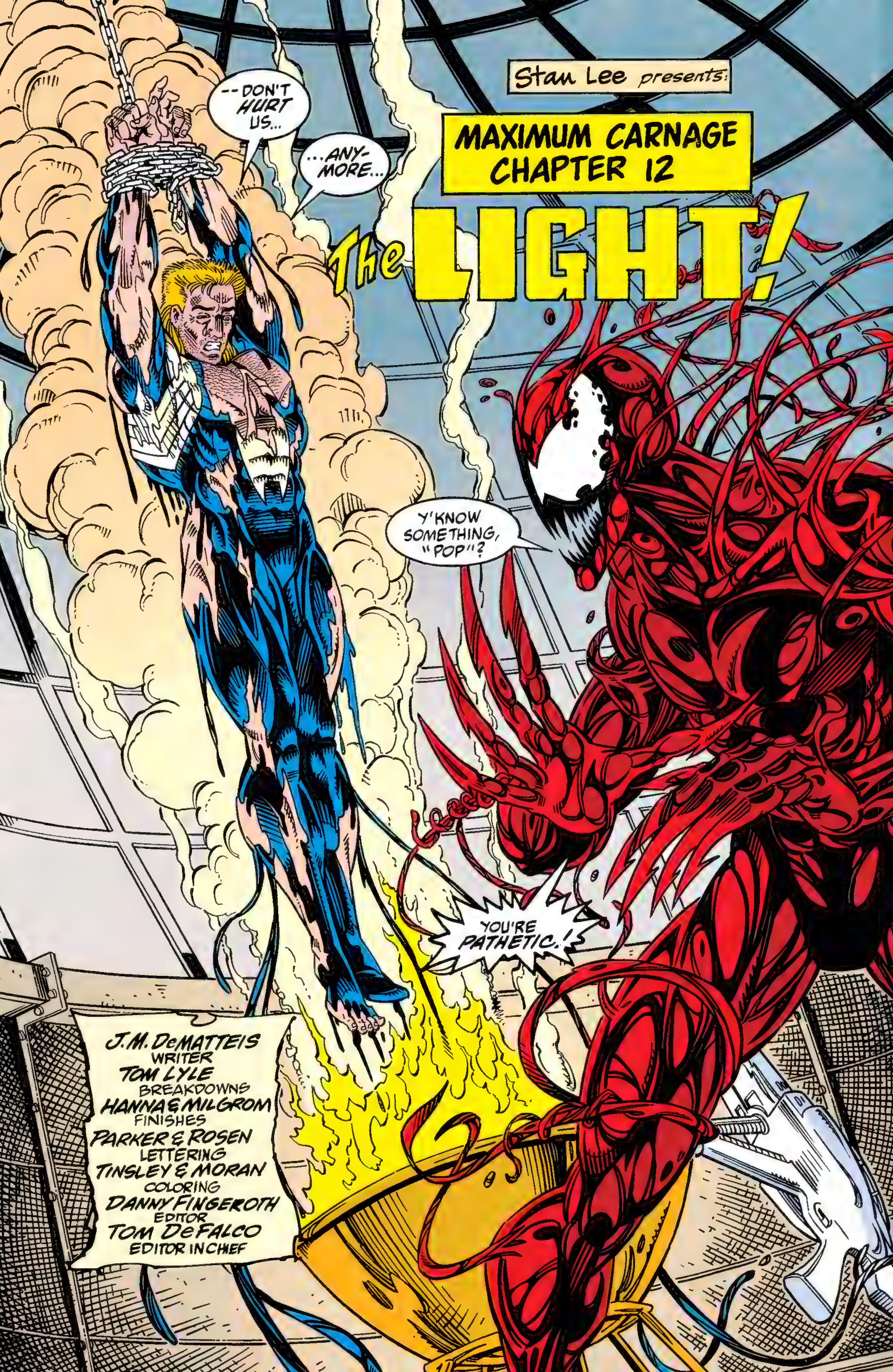

A PSYCHIC VIRUS, SPREADING THROUGH THE FIVE BOROUGHS--
--TURNING HUNDREDS OF AVERAGE NEW YORKERS INTO BLOODTHIRSTY LUNATICS.
IT'S BEEN SPECULATED THAT THIS WOMAN-- KNOWN ONLY AS SHRIEK--IS SOMEHOW THE SOURCE OF THE OUTBREAKS.
ALL WE KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT THE VIOLENCE BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER SHRIEK--HAVING ESCAPED FROM A MENTAL HOSPITAL IN THE COMPANY OF THE SERIAL KILLER CALLED CARNAGE--
--JOINED FORCES WITH SEVERAL OTHER COSTUMED PSYCHOTICS.
TOGETHER THEY'VE UNLEASHED A STORM OF BLOOD AND DESTRUCTION THAT'S TURNED OUR CITY INTO A WAR ZONE.
ALTHOUGH A LOOSELY-ASSEMBLED TEAM OF SUPER HEROES HAS MADE A VALIANT EFFORT TO STOP THE SLAUGHTER--
--THEY, TOO, SEEM UNABLE TO BRING THIS MADNESS TO AN END.
WHEN ASKED FOR A COMMENT, CAPTAIN AMERICA--CLEARLY UNDER STRESS--HAD ONLY THIS TO SAY:
WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN!
ON THE SCEN


NOW SHUT DOWN THOSE CAMERAS-- AND GET YOUR PEOPLE OUT OF HERE!
WITH THAT, THE LIVING LEGEND OF WORLD WAR II RETURNED TO THE--
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
LOOK AT US! HUDDLED HERE LIKE FRIGHTENED SHEEP IN LIZ'S APARTMENT-- HIDING AWAY--
-- WHILE THOSE... DEVILS RUN LOOSE!
I FEEL LIKE I'M IN PRISON AGAIN!
RICHARD... DARLING... PLEASE DON'T--!
DON'T WHAT, MARY? DON'T SPEAK THE TRUTH?
WHEN WE WERE LOCKED AWAY IN THAT SOVIET HELL HOLE--ONE OF THE FEW THINGS THAT GAVE ME HOPE... KEPT ME SANE... WAS THINKING ABOUT MY LIFE BACK HOME--
--A WORLD THAT MADE SOME KIND OF SENSE. MORAL... ORDERLY-- BUT I NOW SEE WHAT A FOOL I WAS! THAT WORLD I REMEMBERED WAS JUST AN ILLUSION! THE EVIL WAS HERE... ALL ALONG... FESTERING BENEATH THE SURFACE! AND IT'S FINALLY BURST THROUGH TO--
SHUT
UP!!
huh?!
FATHER-IN-LAW OR NOT... I AM SICK TO DEATH OF LISTENING TO YOU!
THERE ARE DECENT PEOPLE OUT THERE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE! THEY NEED OUR GOOD THOUGHTS-- OUR PRAYERS-- --NOT YOUR NEGATIVITY AND CYNICISM!
NOW, MARY JANE--I... I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET--


UPSET?! YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED A FEW MINUTES AGO!* THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE!
WITHOUT EVEN LIFTING A FINGER, SPIDER-MAN AND THE OTHERS TOUCHED THOSE PEOPLE--
--REACHED INTO THEIR HEARTS AND GAVE THEM HOPE!
*IN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #380.--Danny
THE VIOLENCE WOULD HAVE ENDED RIGHT THEN AND THERE IF IT WASN'T FOR WHAT THAT SHRIEK DID!
BUT THE HEROES WILL STILL WIN THIS THING-- YOU WAIT AND SEE!
WHATEVER PSYCHIC HOLD SHRIEK HAS ON THOSE PEOPLE, SPIDER-MAN WILL STOP HER!
SO I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER NEGATIVE WORD OUT OF YOU, RICHARD--YOU HEAR ME?
B-BUT--
NOT
ANOTHER
WORD!
...PLEASE...
WHAT'S THAT? SPEAK UP, "DADDY" DEAREST-- I CAN'T HEAR YOU.
PLEASE... CARNAGE...
"PLEASE, CARNAGE" WHAT?
P-PLEASE... CARNAGE--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The LIGHT!
--DON'T HURT US...
...ANY-MORE...
Y'KNOW SOMETHING, "POP"?
YOU'RE PATHETIC.!
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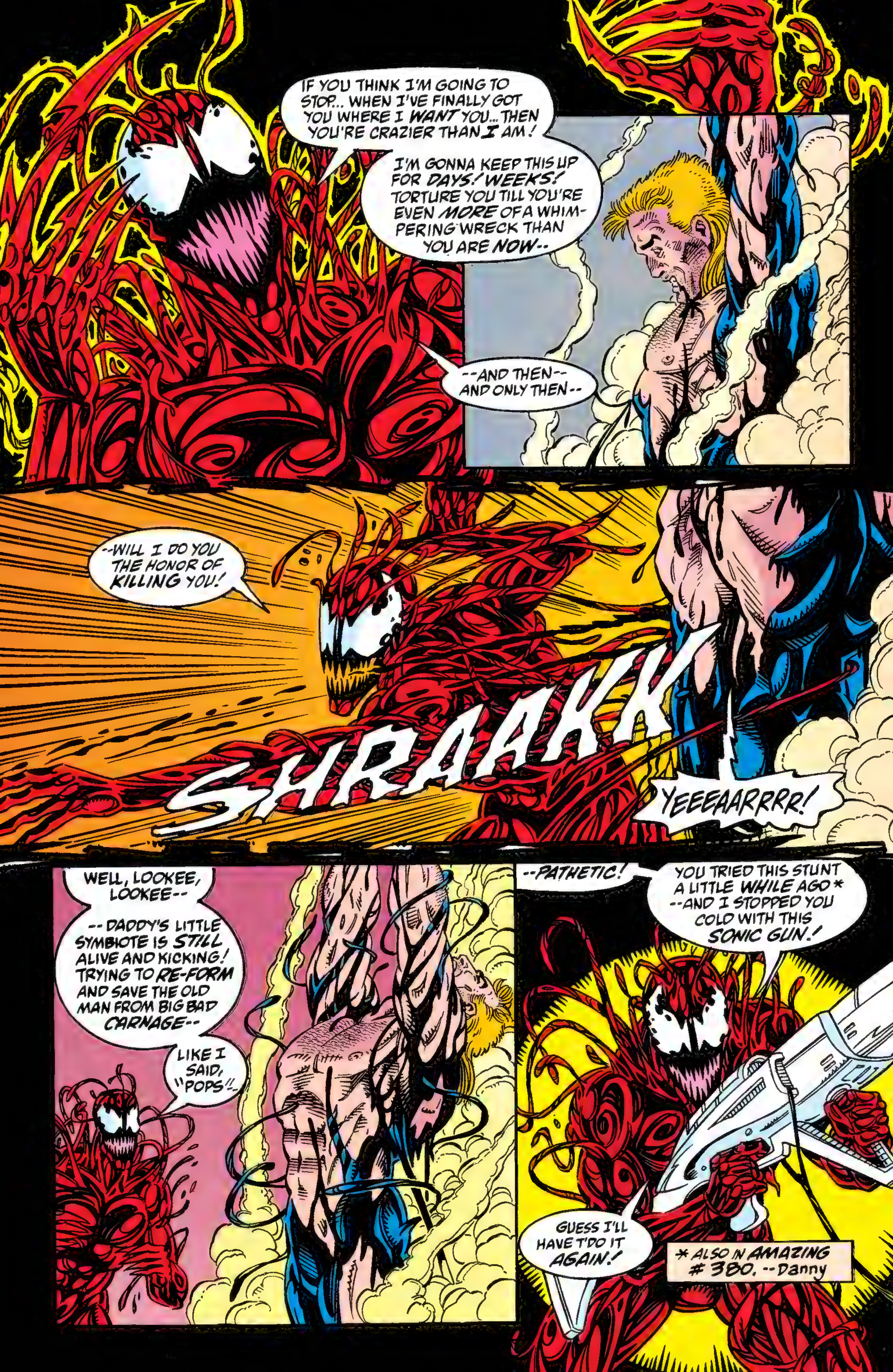
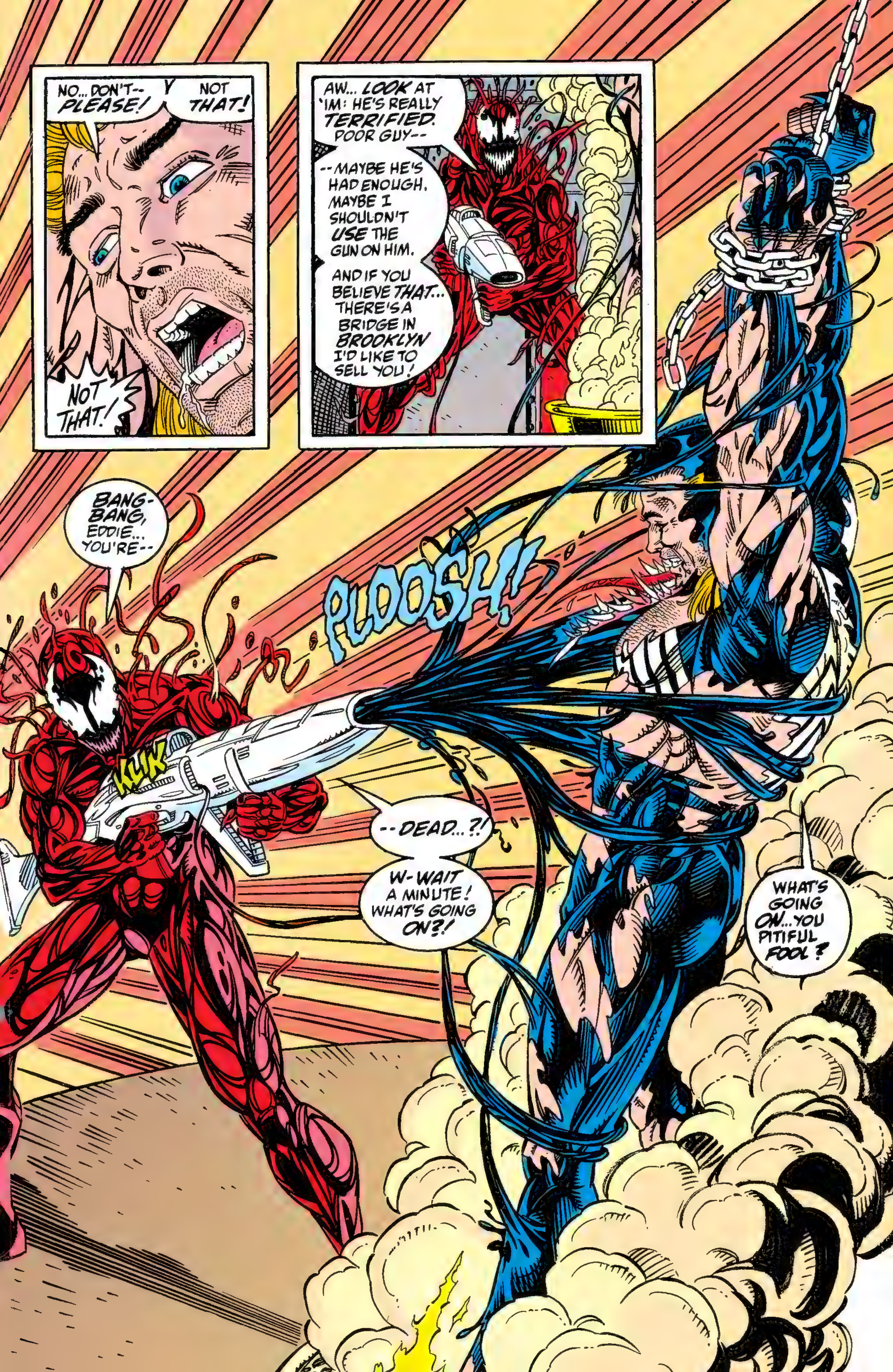
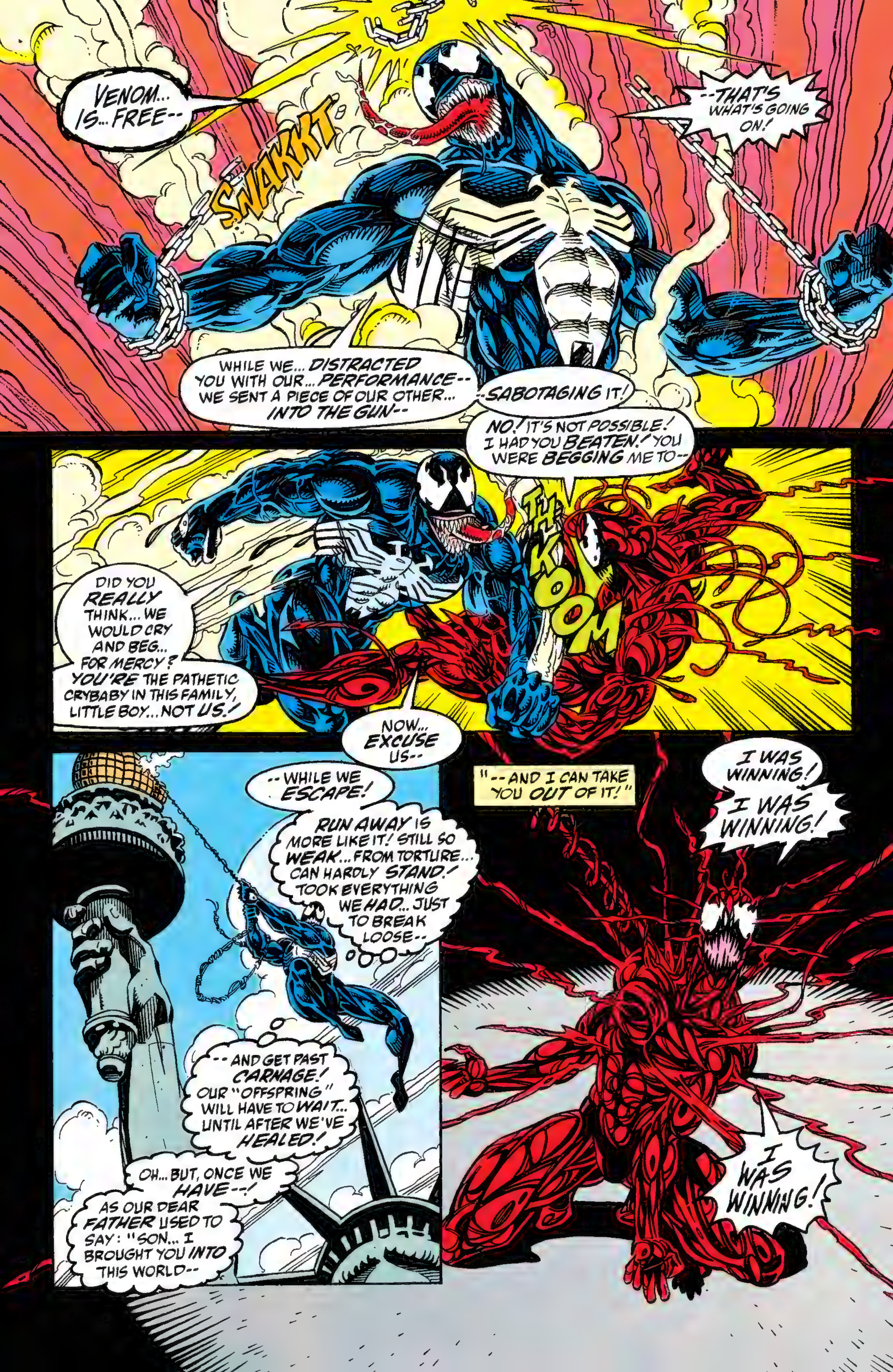
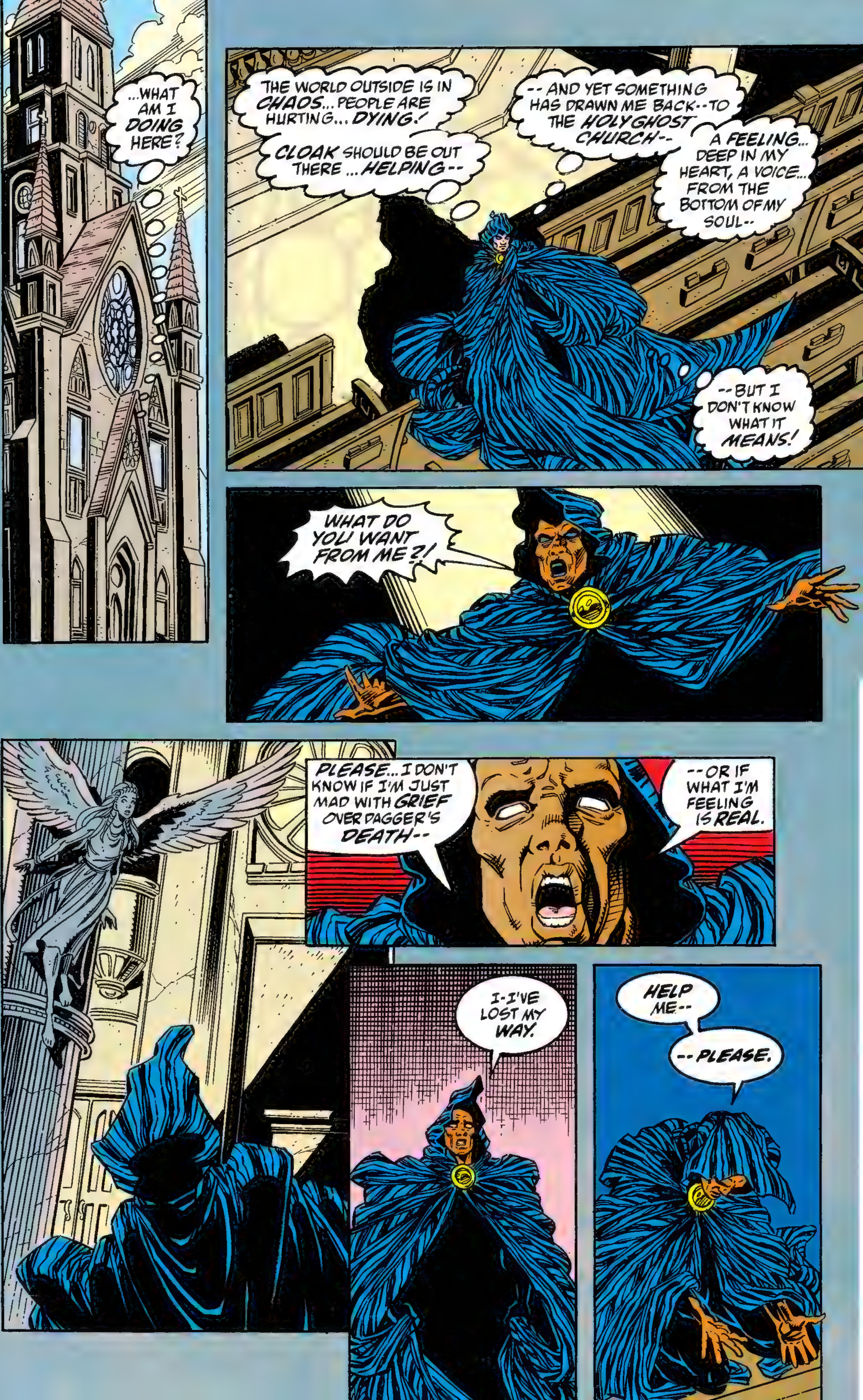
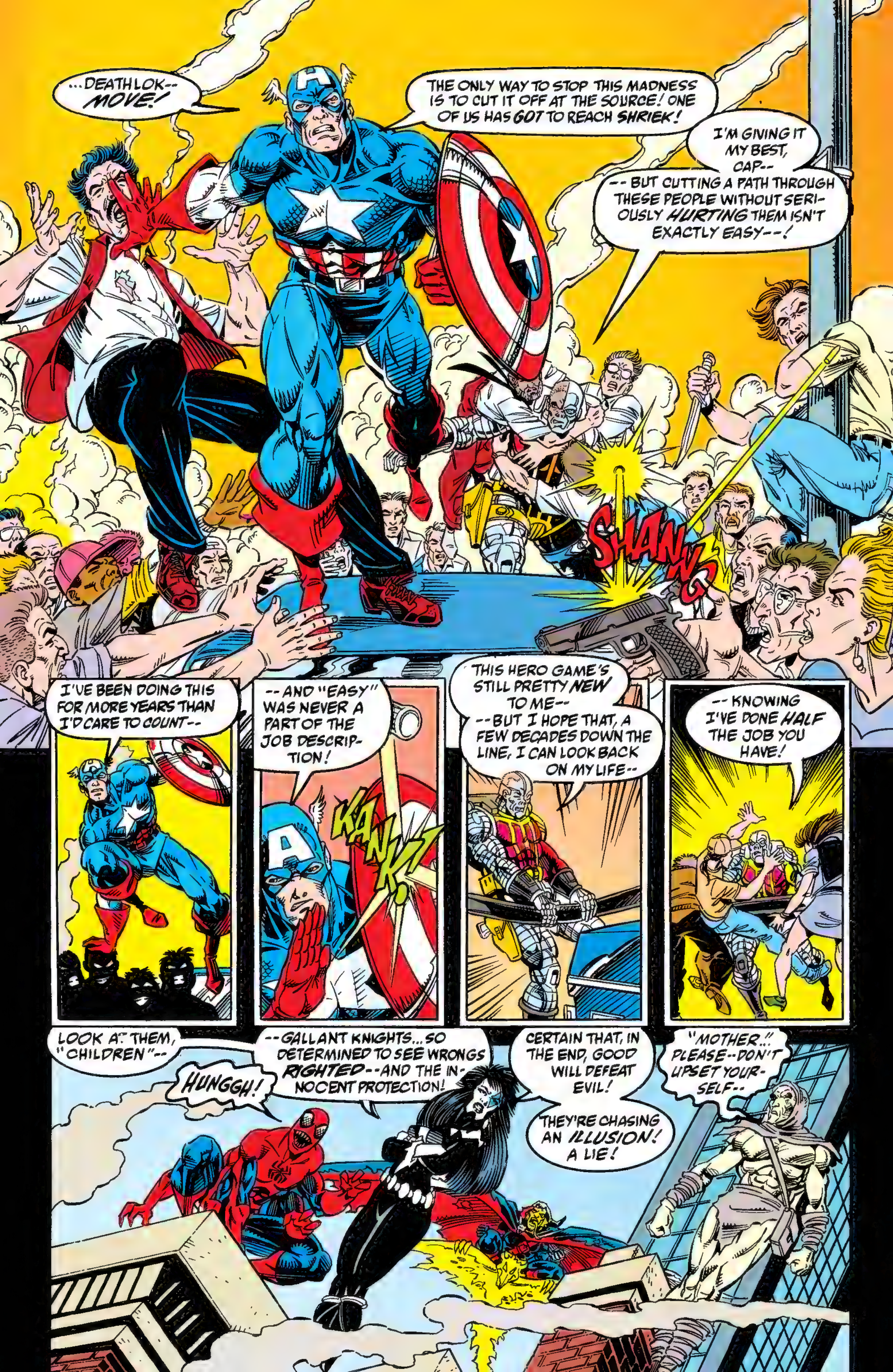
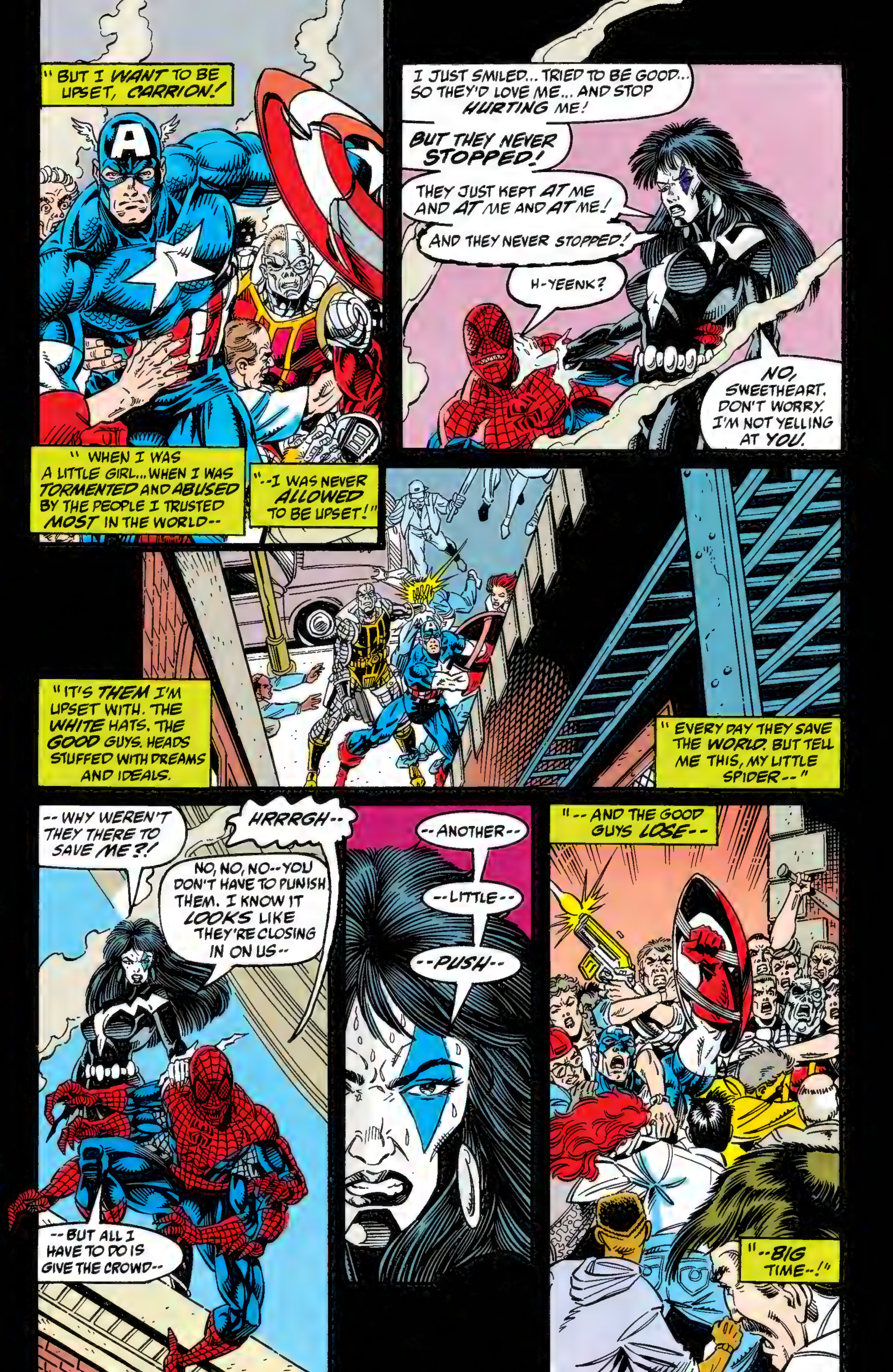

IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO STOP... WHEN I'VE FINALLY GOT YOU WHERE I *WANT* YOU... THEN YOU'RE CRAZIER THAN *I* AM!
I'M GONNA KEEP THIS UP FOR *DAYS! WEEKS!* TORTURE YOU TILL YOU'RE EVEN *MORE* OF A WHIMPERING WRECK THAN YOU ARE *NOW*--
--AND THEN-- AND ONLY THEN--
--WILL I DO YOU THE HONOR OF *KILLING* YOU!
SHRAAKK
YEEEAARRRR!
WELL, LOOKEE, LOOKEE--
--DADDY'S LITTLE SYMBIOTE IS *STILL* ALIVE AND KICKING! TRYING TO *RE-FORM* AND SAVE THE OLD MAN FROM BIG BAD *CARNAGE*--
LIKE I SAID, "POPS"!--
--*PATHETIC!*
YOU TRIED THIS STUNT A LITTLE *WHILE AGO** --AND I STOPPED YOU COLD WITH THIS *SONIC GUN!*
GUESS I'LL HAVE T'DO IT *AGAIN!*
* ALSO IN *AMAZING* #380. --Danny

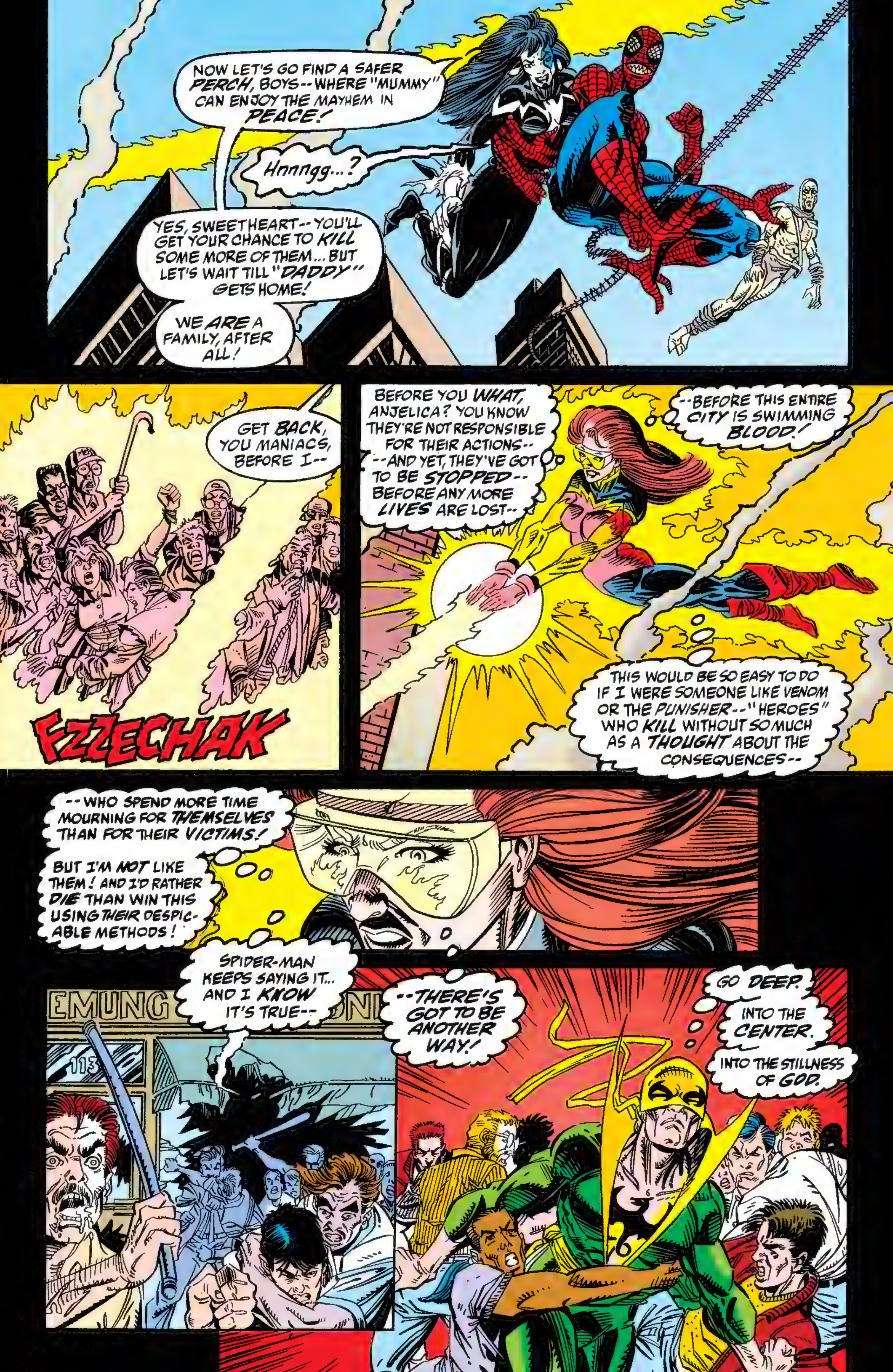

NO... DON'T-- PLEASE!
NOT THAT!
NOT THAT!
AW... LOOK AT 'IM: HE'S REALLY TERRIFIED. POOR GUY--
--MAYBE HE'S HAD ENOUGH. MAYBE I SHOULDN'T USE THE GUN ON HIM.
AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT... THERE'S A BRIDGE IN BROOKLYN I'D LIKE TO SELL YOU!
BANG-BANG, EDDIE... YOU'RE--
PLOOSH!
KLIK
--DEAD...?!
W-WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHAT'S GOING ON... YOU PITIFUL FOOL?


VENOM... IS... FREE--
SWAKKT
--THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON!
WHILE WE... DISTRACTED YOU WITH OUR... PERFORMANCE-- WE SENT A PIECE OF OUR OTHER... INTO THE GUN--
--SABOTAGING IT!
NO! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! I HAD YOU BEATEN! YOU WERE BEGGING ME TO--
THKOOM
DID YOU REALLY THINK... WE WOULD CRY AND BEG... FOR MERCY? YOU'RE THE PATHETIC CRYBABY IN THIS FAMILY, LITTLE BOY... NOT US!
NOW... EXCUSE US--
--WHILE WE ESCAPE!
RUN AWAY IS MORE LIKE IT! STILL SO WEAK... FROM TORTURE... CAN HARDLY STAND! TOOK EVERYTHING WE HAD... JUST TO BREAK LOOSE--
--AND GET PAST CARNAGE! OUR "OFFSPRING" WILL HAVE TO WAIT... UNTIL AFTER WE'VE HEALED!
OH... BUT, ONCE WE HAVE--! AS OUR DEAR FATHER USED TO SAY: "SON... I BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD--
"--AND I CAN TAKE YOU OUT OF IT!"
I WAS WINNING! I WAS WINNING!
I WAS WINNING!


...WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
THE WORLD OUTSIDE IS IN CHAOS... PEOPLE ARE HURTING... DYING!
CLOAK SHOULD BE OUT THERE ... HELPING--
-- AND YET SOMETHING HAS DRAWN ME BACK--TO THE HOLY GHOST CHURCH--
A FEELING... DEEP IN MY HEART, A VOICE... FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY SOUL--
--BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS!
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!
PLEASE... I DON'T KNOW IF I'M JUST MAD WITH GRIEF OVER DAGGER'S DEATH--
--OR IF WHAT I'M FEELING IS REAL.
I-I'VE LOST MY WAY.
HELP ME--
--PLEASE.


...DEATHLOK--
MOVE!
THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THIS MADNESS IS TO CUT IT OFF AT THE SOURCE! ONE OF US HAS GOT TO REACH SHRIEK!
I'M GIVING IT MY BEST, CAP--
--BUT CUTTING A PATH THROUGH THESE PEOPLE WITHOUT SERIOUSLY HURTING THEM ISN'T EXACTLY EASY--!
SHANNG
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR MORE YEARS THAN I'D CARE TO COUNT--
--AND "EASY" WAS NEVER A PART OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION!
KANK!
THIS HERO GAME'S STILL PRETTY NEW TO ME--
--BUT I HOPE THAT, A FEW DECADES DOWN THE LINE, I CAN LOOK BACK ON MY LIFE--
--KNOWING I'VE DONE HALF THE JOB YOU HAVE!
LOOK AT THEM, "CHILDREN"--
HUNGGH!
--GALLANT KNIGHTS...SO DETERMINED TO SEE WRONGS RIGHTED--AND THE INNOCENT PROTECTION!
CERTAIN THAT, IN THE END, GOOD WILL DEFEAT EVIL!
THEY'RE CHASING AN ILLUSION! A LIE!
"MOTHER"!! PLEASE--DON'T UPSET YOURSELF--


"BUT I *WANT* TO BE UPSET, *CARRION*!
I JUST SMILED... TRIED TO BE GOOD... SO THEY'D LOVE ME... AND STOP *HURTING* ME!
BUT THEY NEVER STOPPED!
THEY JUST KEPT *AT* ME AND *AT* ME AND *AT* ME!
AND THEY NEVER STOPPED!
H-YEENK?
NO, SWEETHEART. DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT YELLING AT *YOU*.
"WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL... WHEN I WAS *TORMENTED* AND *ABUSED* BY THE PEOPLE I TRUSTED *MOST* IN THE WORLD--
"--I WAS NEVER *ALLOWED* TO BE UPSET!"
"IT'S *THEM* I'M UPSET WITH. THE *WHITE* HATS. THE *GOOD* GUYS. HEADS STUFFED WITH DREAMS AND IDEALS.
"EVERY DAY THEY SAVE THE *WORLD*. BUT TELL ME THIS, MY LITTLE SPIDER--"
--WHY WEREN'T THEY THERE TO SAVE *ME*?!
HRRRGH--
NO, NO, NO--YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUNISH THEM. I KNOW IT *LOOKS* LIKE THEY'RE CLOSING IN ON US--
--BUT ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GIVE THE CROWD--
--ANOTHER--
--LITTLE--
--*PUSH*--
"--AND THE GOOD GUYS *LOSE*--
"--*BIG* TIME--!"


NOW LET'S GO FIND A SAFER *PERCH*, BOYS--WHERE "MUMMY" CAN ENJOY THE MAYHEM IN *PEACE!*
Hnnngg...?
YES, SWEETHEART--YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE TO *KILL* SOME MORE OF THEM... BUT LET'S WAIT TILL "*DADDY*" GETS HOME!
WE *ARE* A FAMILY, AFTER ALL!
GET *BACK*, YOU MANIACS, BEFORE I--
FZZECHAK
BEFORE YOU *WHAT*, ANJELICA? YOU KNOW THEY'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS-- --AND YET, THEY'VE GOT TO BE *STOPPED*--BEFORE ANY MORE *LIVES* ARE LOST--
--BEFORE THIS ENTIRE *CITY* IS SWIMMING *BLOOD!*
THIS WOULD BE SO EASY TO DO IF I WERE SOMEONE LIKE VENOM OR THE *PUNISHER*--"HEROES" WHO *KILL* WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A *THOUGHT* ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES--
--WHO SPEND MORE TIME MOURNING FOR *THEMSELVES* THAN FOR THEIR *VICTIMS!*
BUT I'M *NOT* LIKE THEM! AND I'D RATHER *DIE* THAN WIN THIS USING THEIR DESPICABLE METHODS!
EMUNG
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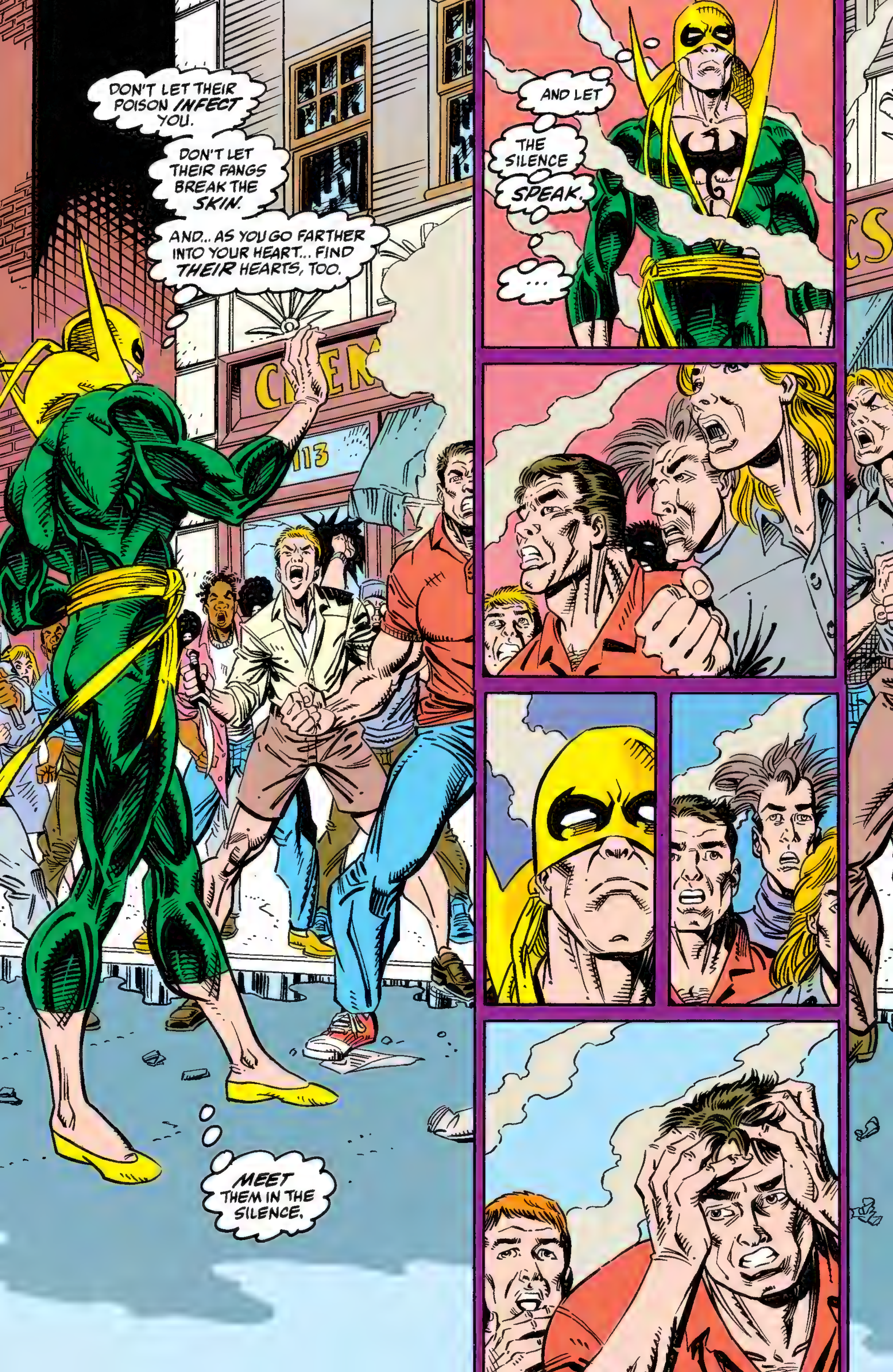
SPIDER-MAN KEEPS SAYING IT... AND I *KNOW* IT'S TRUE--
--*THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY!*
GO *DEEP.*
INTO THE *CENTER.*
INTO THE STILLNESS OF *GOD.*


DON'T LET THEIR POISON *INFECT* YOU.
DON'T LET THEIR FANGS BREAK THE *SKIN.*
AND... AS YOU GO FARTHER INTO YOUR HEART... FIND *THEIR* HEARTS, TOO.
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MEET THEM IN THE SILENCE.
AND LET
THE SILENCE
SPEAK.
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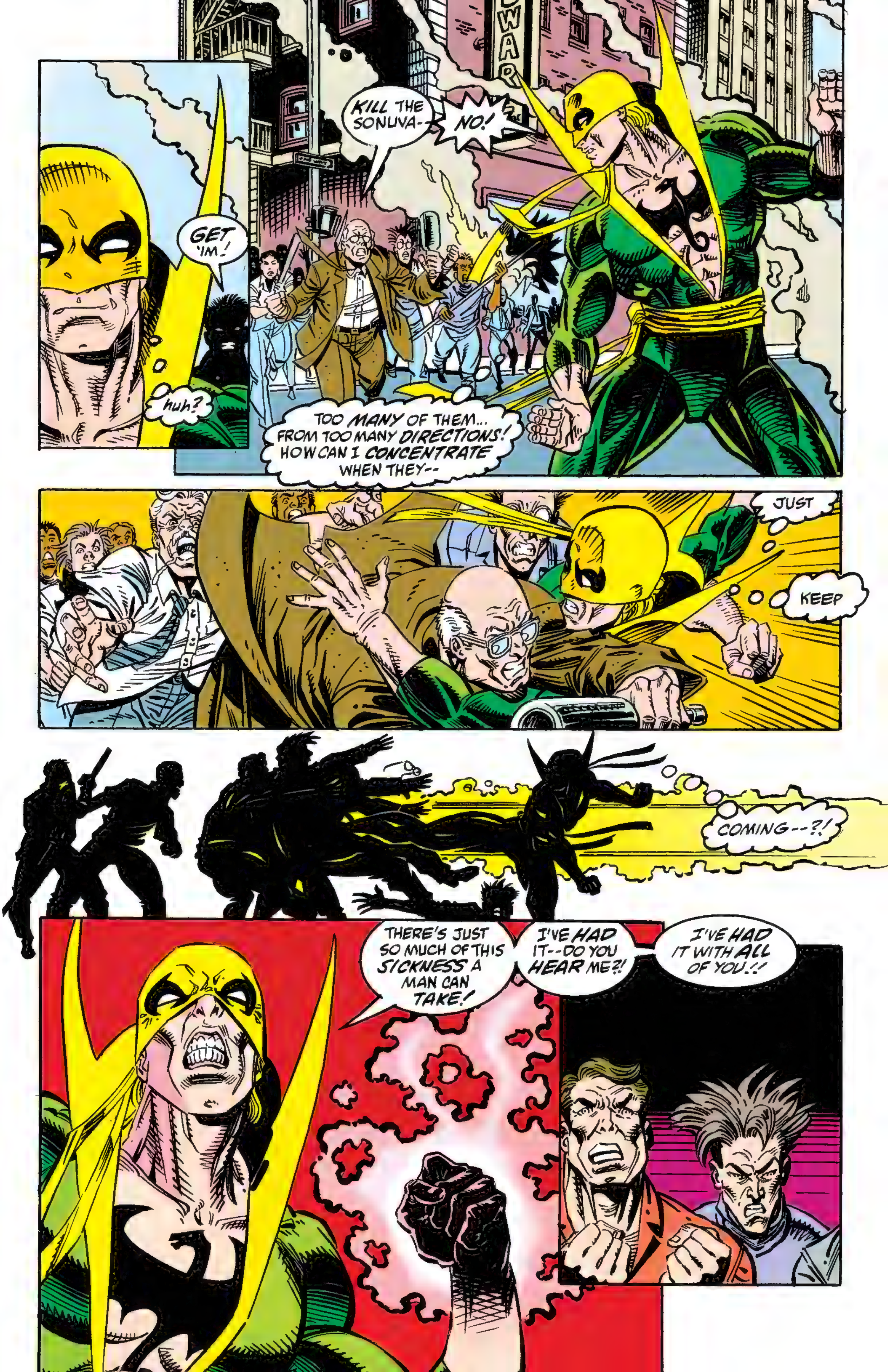
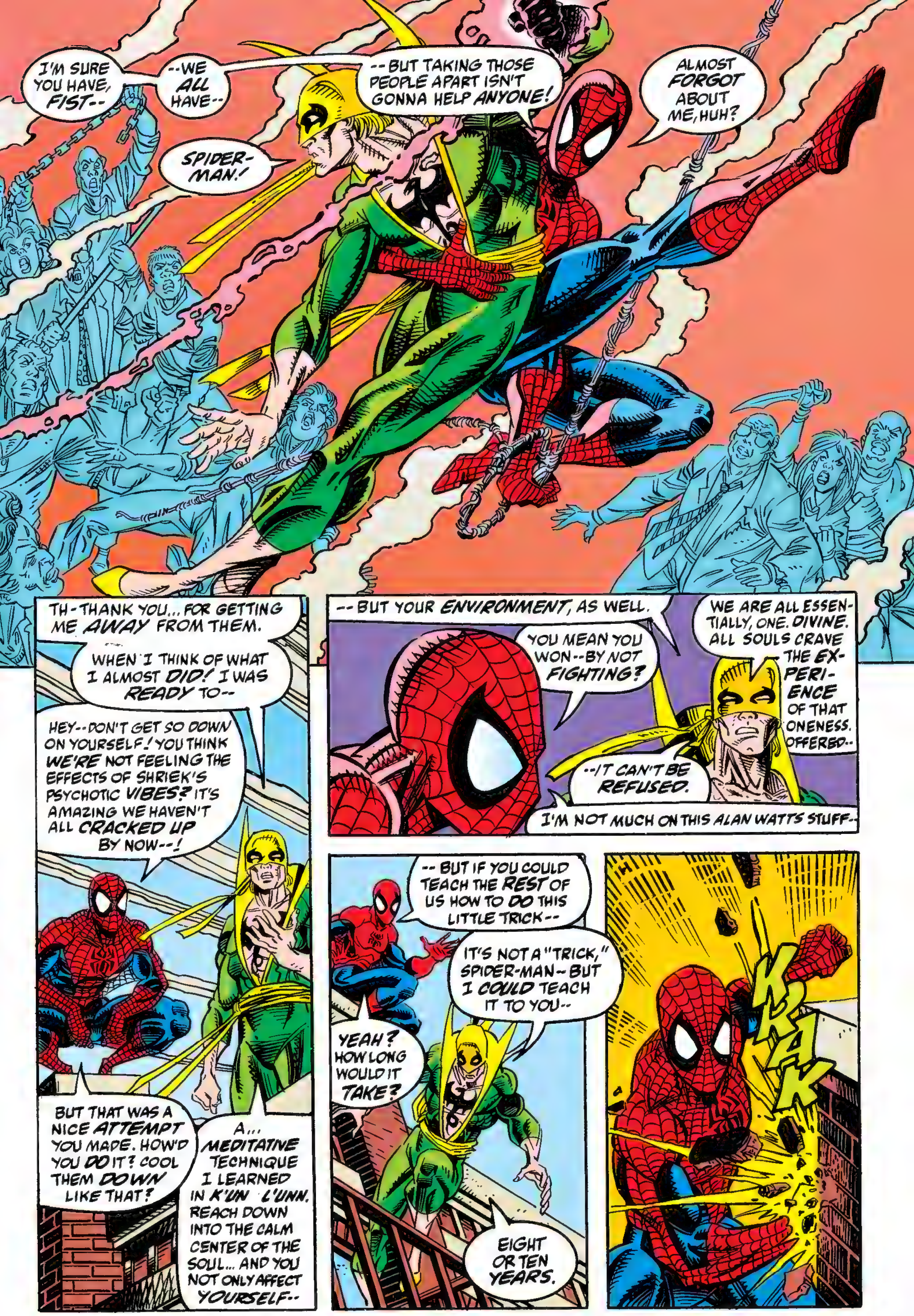
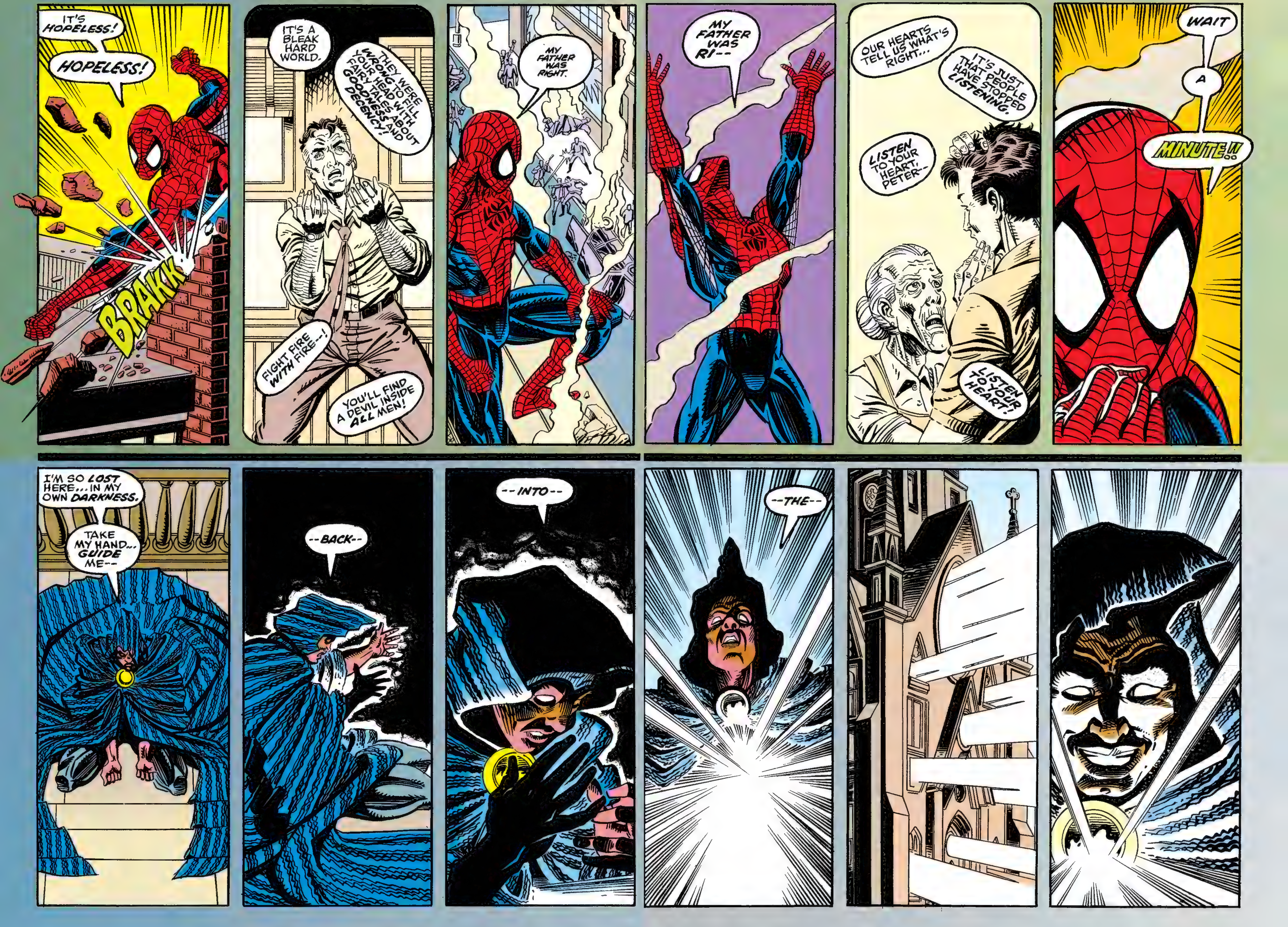
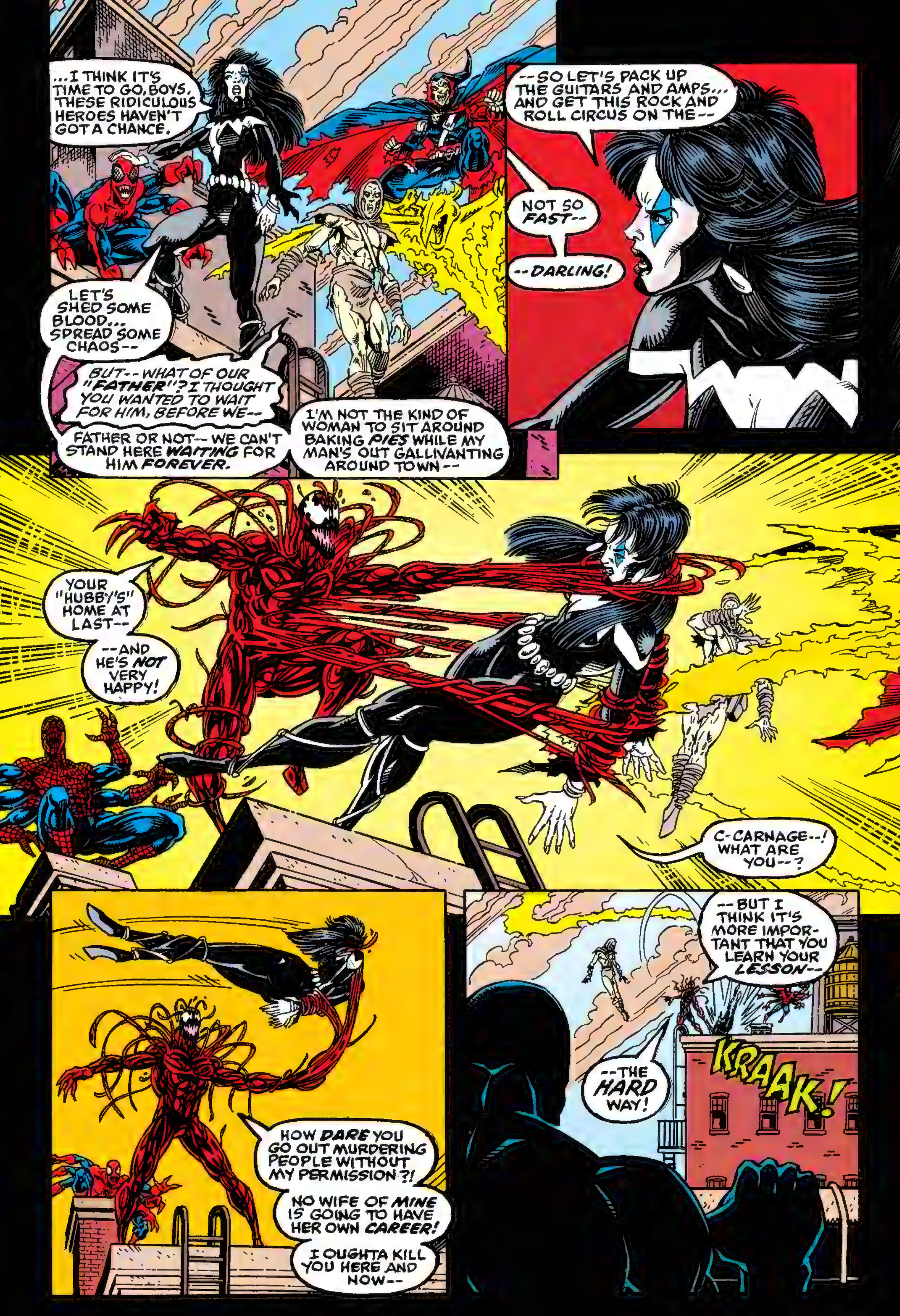
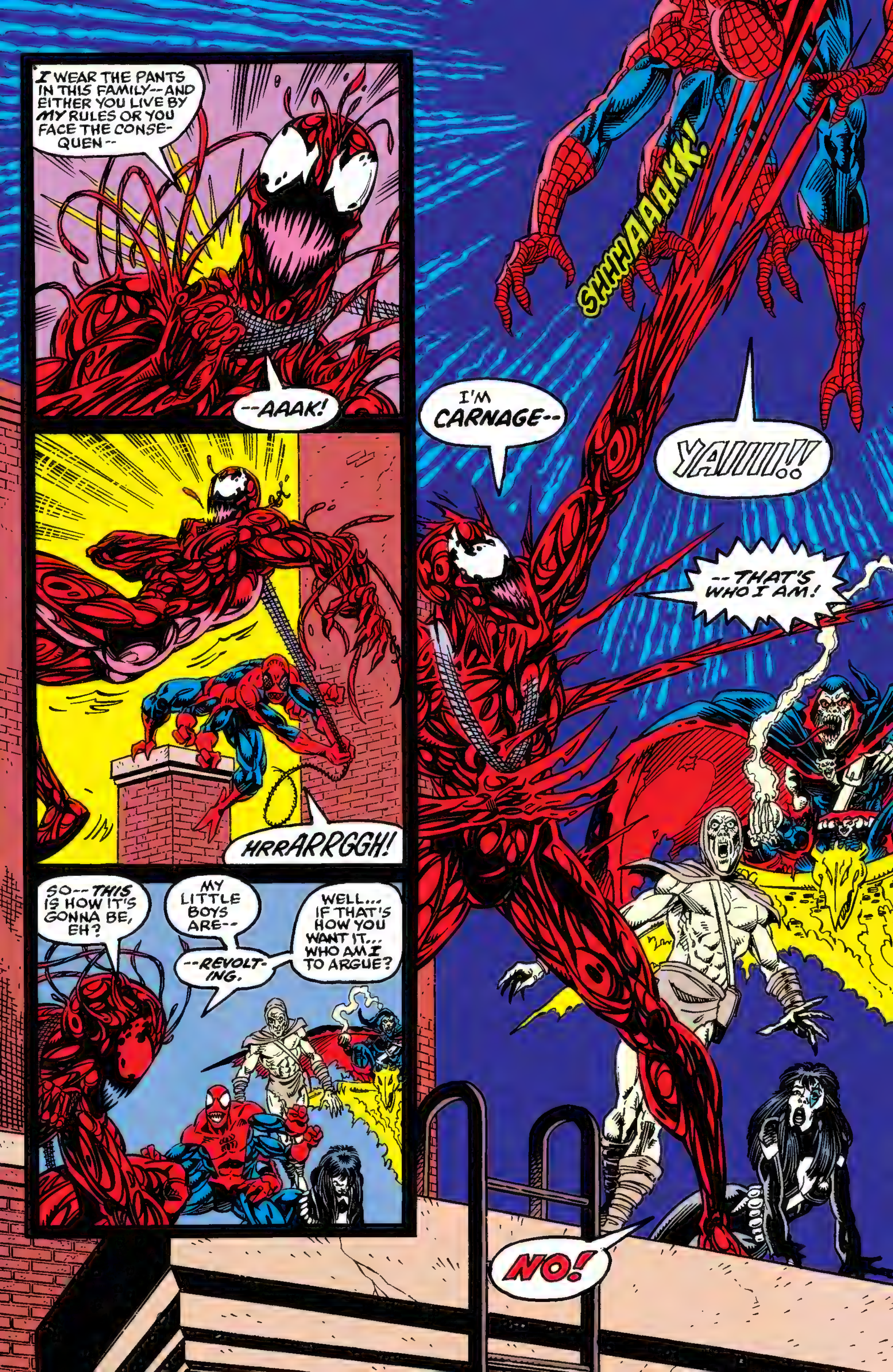
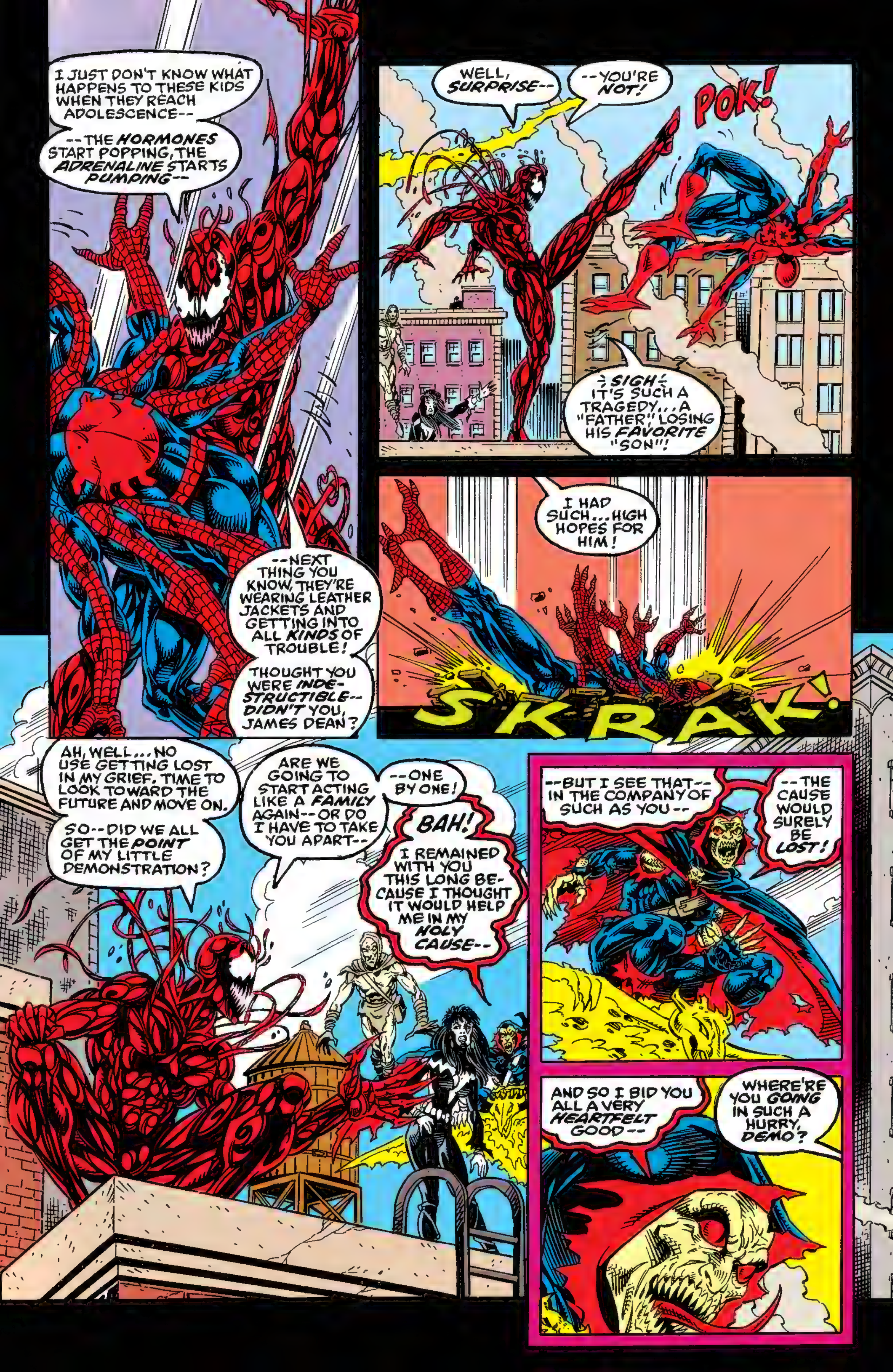

GET 'IM!
huh?
KILL THE SONUVA--
NO!
TOO MANY OF THEM... FROM TOO MANY DIRECTIONS! HOW CAN I CONCENTRATE WHEN THEY--
JUST
KEEP
COMING--?!
THERE'S JUST SO MUCH OF THIS SICKNESS A MAN CAN TAKE!
I'VE HAD IT--DO YOU HEAR ME?!
I'VE HAD IT WITH ALL OF YOU!!

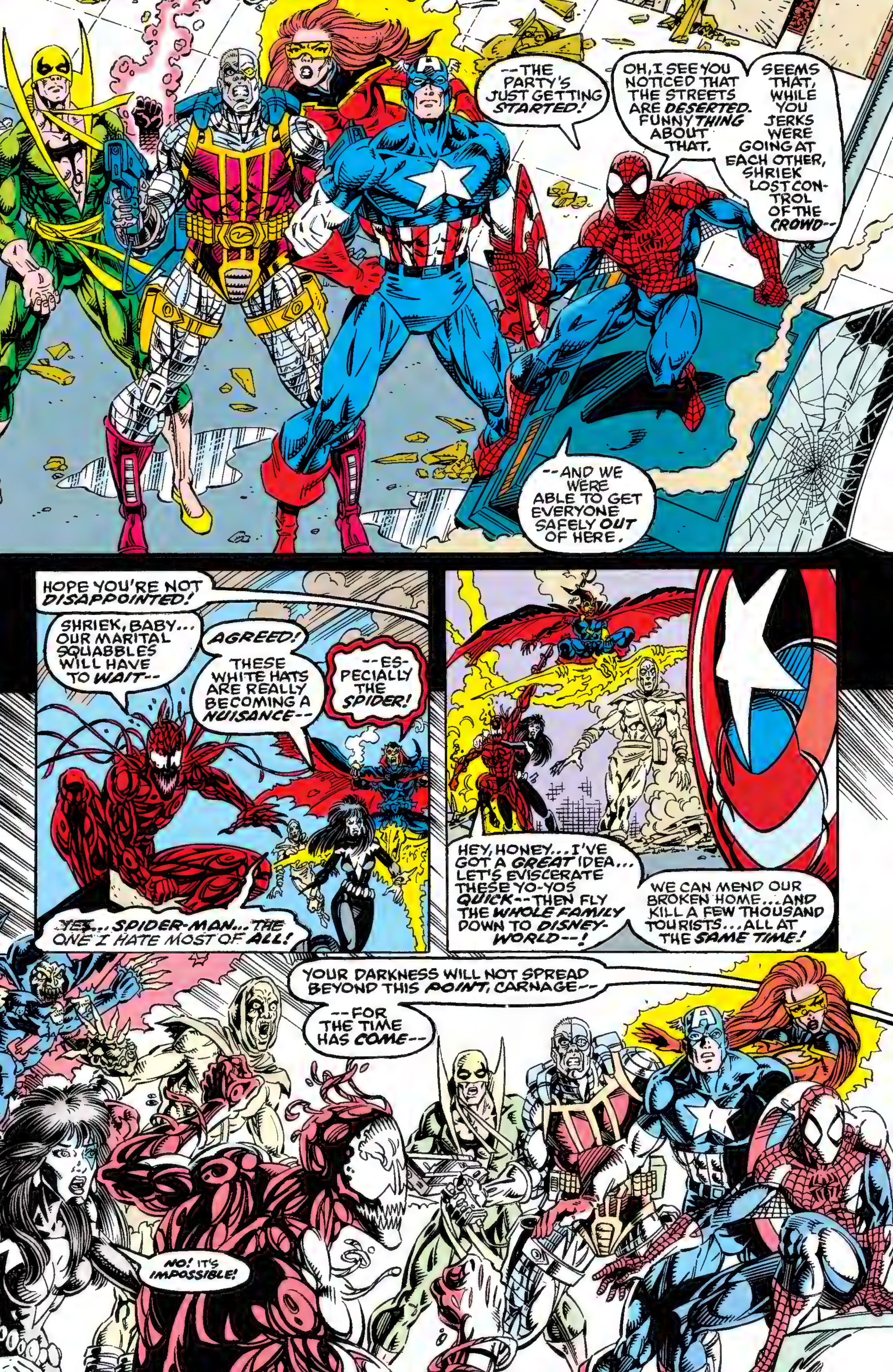

I'M SURE YOU HAVE, FIST--
--WE ALL HAVE--
--BUT TAKING THOSE PEOPLE APART ISN'T GONNA HELP ANYONE!
SPIDER-MAN!
ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT ME, HUH?
TH-THANK YOU... FOR GETTING ME AWAY FROM THEM.
WHEN I THINK OF WHAT I ALMOST DID! I WAS READY TO--
HEY--DON'T GET SO DOWN ON YOURSELF! YOU THINK WE'RE NOT FEELING THE EFFECTS OF SHRIEK'S PSYCHOTIC VIBES? IT'S AMAZING WE HAVEN'T ALL CRACKED UP BY NOW--!
BUT THAT WAS A NICE ATTEMPT YOU MADE. HOW'D YOU DO IT? COOL THEM DOWN LIKE THAT?
A... MEDITATIVE TECHNIQUE I LEARNED IN K'UN L'UNN. REACH DOWN INTO THE CALM CENTER OF THE SOUL... AND YOU NOT ONLY AFFECT YOURSELF--
--BUT YOUR ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL.
WE ARE ALL ESSENTIALLY, ONE. DIVINE. ALL SOULS CRAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF THAT ONENESS. OFFERED..
--IT CAN'T BE REFUSED.
YOU MEAN YOU WON--BY NOT FIGHTING?
I'M NOT MUCH ON THIS ALAN WATTS STUFF--
--BUT IF YOU COULD TEACH THE REST OF US HOW TO DO THIS LITTLE TRICK--
IT'S NOT A "TRICK," SPIDER-MAN--BUT I COULD TEACH IT TO YOU--
YEAH? HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE?
EIGHT OR TEN YEARS.
KKAK

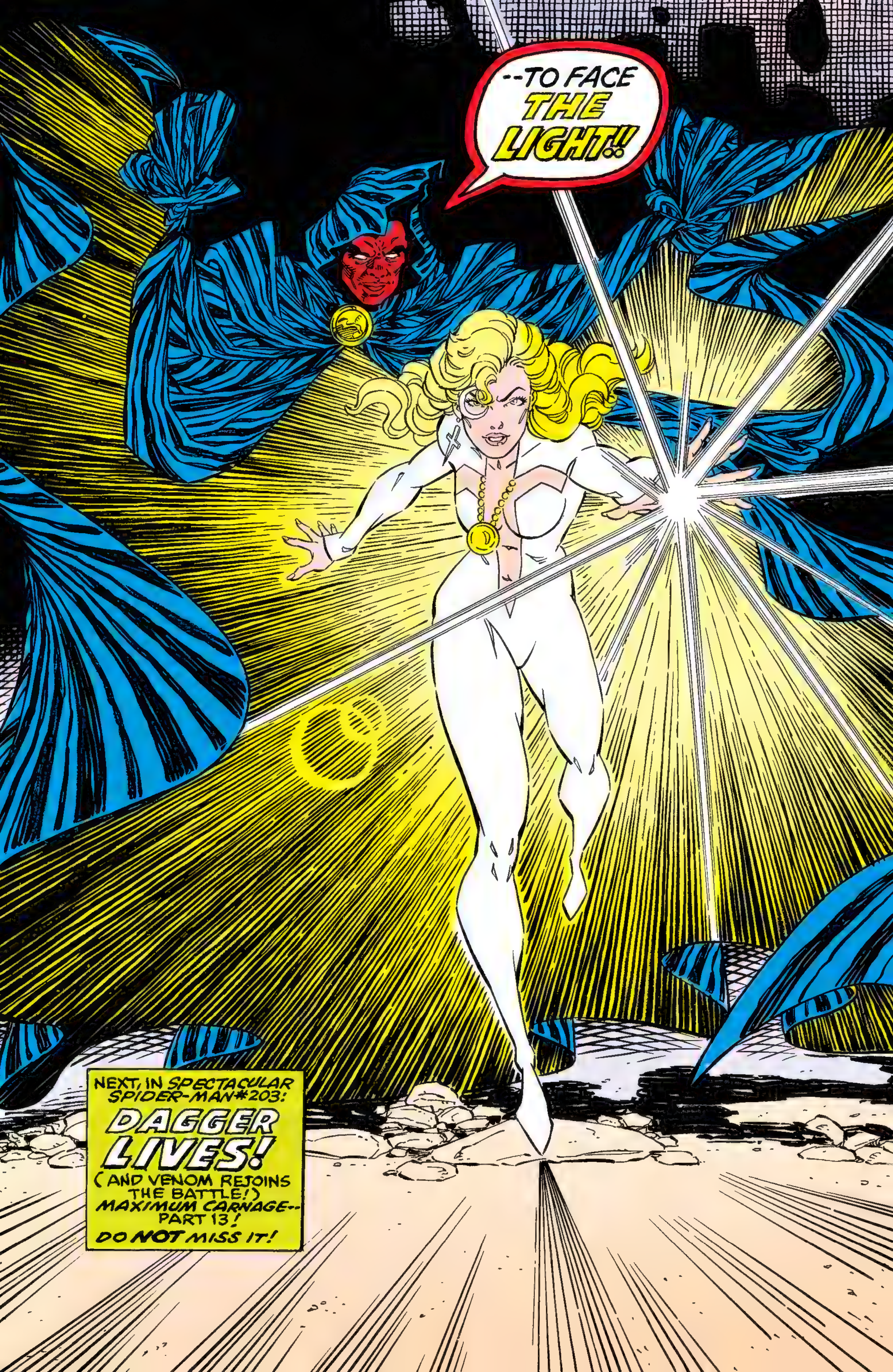

IT'S HOPELESS!
HOPELESS!
BRAKK
IT'S A BLEAK HARD WORLD.
THEY WERE WRONG TO FILL YOUR HEAD WITH FAIRY TALES ABOUT GOODNESS AND DECENCY!
FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE--!
YOU'LL FIND A DEVIL INSIDE ALL MEN!
MY FATHER WAS RIGHT.
MY FATHER WAS RI--
OUR HEARTS TELL US WHAT'S RIGHT...
IT'S JUST THAT PEOPLE HAVE STOPPED LISTENING.
LISTEN TO YOUR HEART, PETER--
LISTEN TO YOUR HEART!
WAIT
A
MINUTE!!
I'M SO LOST HERE... IN MY OWN DARKNESS.
TAKE MY HAND... GUIDE ME--
--BACK--
--INTO--
--THE--


...I THINK IT'S TIME TO GO, BOYS. THESE RIDICULOUS HEROES HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE.
LET'S SHED SOME BLOOD... SPREAD SOME CHAOS--
BUT--WHAT OF OUR "FATHER"? I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO WAIT FOR HIM, BEFORE WE--
FATHER OR NOT--WE CAN'T STAND HERE WAITING FOR HIM FOREVER.
I'M NOT THE KIND OF WOMAN TO SIT AROUND BAKING PIES WHILE MY MAN'S OUT GALLIVANTING AROUND TOWN--
--SO LET'S PACK UP THE GUITARS AND AMPS... AND GET THIS ROCK AND ROLL CIRCUS ON THE--
NOT SO FAST--
--DARLING!
YOUR "HUBBY'S" HOME AT LAST--
--AND HE'S NOT VERY HAPPY!
C-CARNAGE--! WHAT ARE YOU--?
HOW DARE YOU GO OUT MURDERING PEOPLE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION?!
NO WIFE OF MINE IS GOING TO HAVE HER OWN CAREER!
I OUGHTA KILL YOU HERE AND NOW--
--BUT I THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAT YOU LEARN YOUR LESSON--
--THE HARD WAY!
KRAAK!


I WEAR THE PANTS IN THIS FAMILY-- AND EITHER YOU LIVE BY MY RULES OR YOU FACE THE CONSEQUEN--
--AAAK!
HRRARRGGH!
SO-- THIS IS HOW IT'S GONNA BE, EH?
MY LITTLE BOYS ARE--
--REVOLTING.
WELL... IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT... WHO AM I TO ARGUE?
SHHWAAAKK!
I'M CARNAGE--
YAIIII!!
--THAT'S WHO I AM!
NO!


I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE KIDS WHEN THEY REACH ADOLESCENCE--
--THE *HORMONES* START POPPING, THE *ADRENALINE* STARTS *PUMPING*--
--NEXT THING YOU KNOW, THEY'RE WEARING LEATHER JACKETS AND GETTING INTO ALL *KINDS* OF TROUBLE!
THOUGHT YOU WERE *INDESTRUCTIBLE*--*DIDN'T* YOU, JAMES DEAN?
WELL, *SURPRISE*--
--YOU'RE *NOT!*
POK!
SIGH IT'S SUCH A TRAGEDY... A "FATHER" LOSING HIS *FAVORITE* "SON"!
I HAD SUCH... HIGH HOPES FOR HIM!
SKRAK!
AH, WELL... NO USE GETTING LOST IN MY GRIEF. TIME TO LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE AND MOVE ON.
SO--DID WE ALL GET THE *POINT* OF MY LITTLE DEMONSTRATION?
ARE WE GOING TO START ACTING LIKE A *FAMILY* AGAIN--OR DO I HAVE TO TAKE YOU APART--
--ONE BY ONE!
BAH!
I REMAINED WITH YOU THIS LONG BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP ME IN MY *HOLY CAUSE*--
--BUT I SEE THAT--IN THE COMPANY OF SUCH AS YOU--
--THE CAUSE WOULD SURELY BE *LOST!*
AND SO I BID YOU ALL A VERY *HEARTFELT* GOOD--
WHERE'RE YOU *GOING* IN SUCH A HURRY, *DEMO*?


--THE PARTY'S JUST GETTING STARTED!
OH, I SEE YOU NOTICED THAT THE STREETS ARE DESERTED. FUNNY THING ABOUT THAT.
SEEMS THAT, WHILE YOU JERKS WERE GOING AT EACH OTHER, SHRIEK LOST CONTROL OF THE CROWD--
--AND WE WERE ABLE TO GET EVERYONE SAFELY OUT OF HERE.
HOPE YOU'RE NOT DISAPPOINTED!
SHRIEK, BABY... OUR MARITAL SQUABBLES WILL HAVE TO WAIT--
AGREED! THESE WHITE HATS ARE REALLY BECOMING A NUISANCE--
--ESPECIALLY THE SPIDER!
YES... SPIDER-MAN... THE ONE I HATE MOST OF ALL!
HEY, HONEY... I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA... LET'S EVISCERATE THESE YO-YOS QUICK--THEN FLY THE WHOLE FAMILY DOWN TO DISNEY-WORLD--!
WE CAN MEND OUR BROKEN HOME... AND KILL A FEW THOUSAND TOURISTS... ALL AT THE SAME TIME!
YOUR DARKNESS WILL NOT SPREAD BEYOND THIS POINT, CARNAGE--
--FOR THE TIME HAS COME--
NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!


--TO FACE THE LIGHT!!
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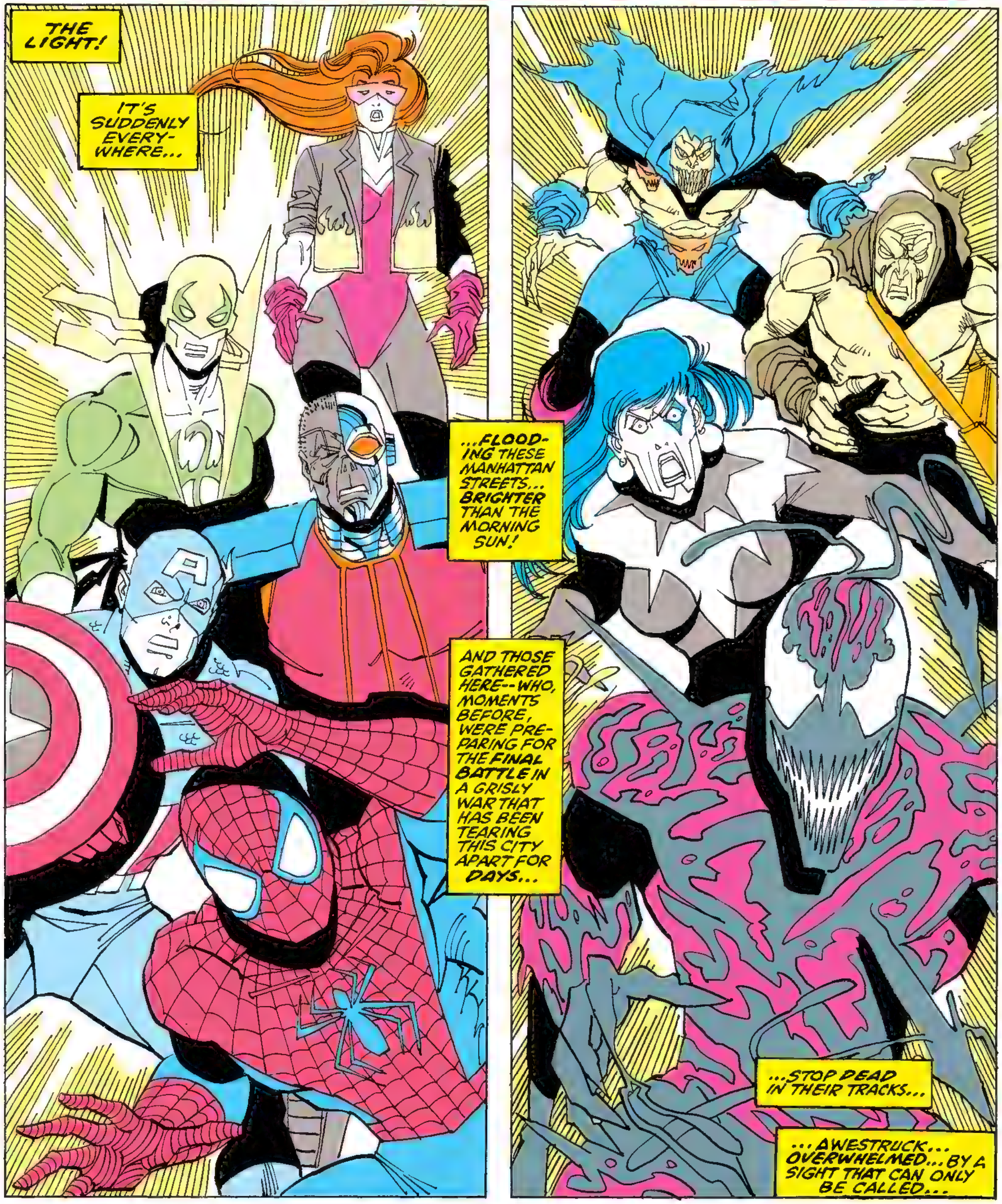
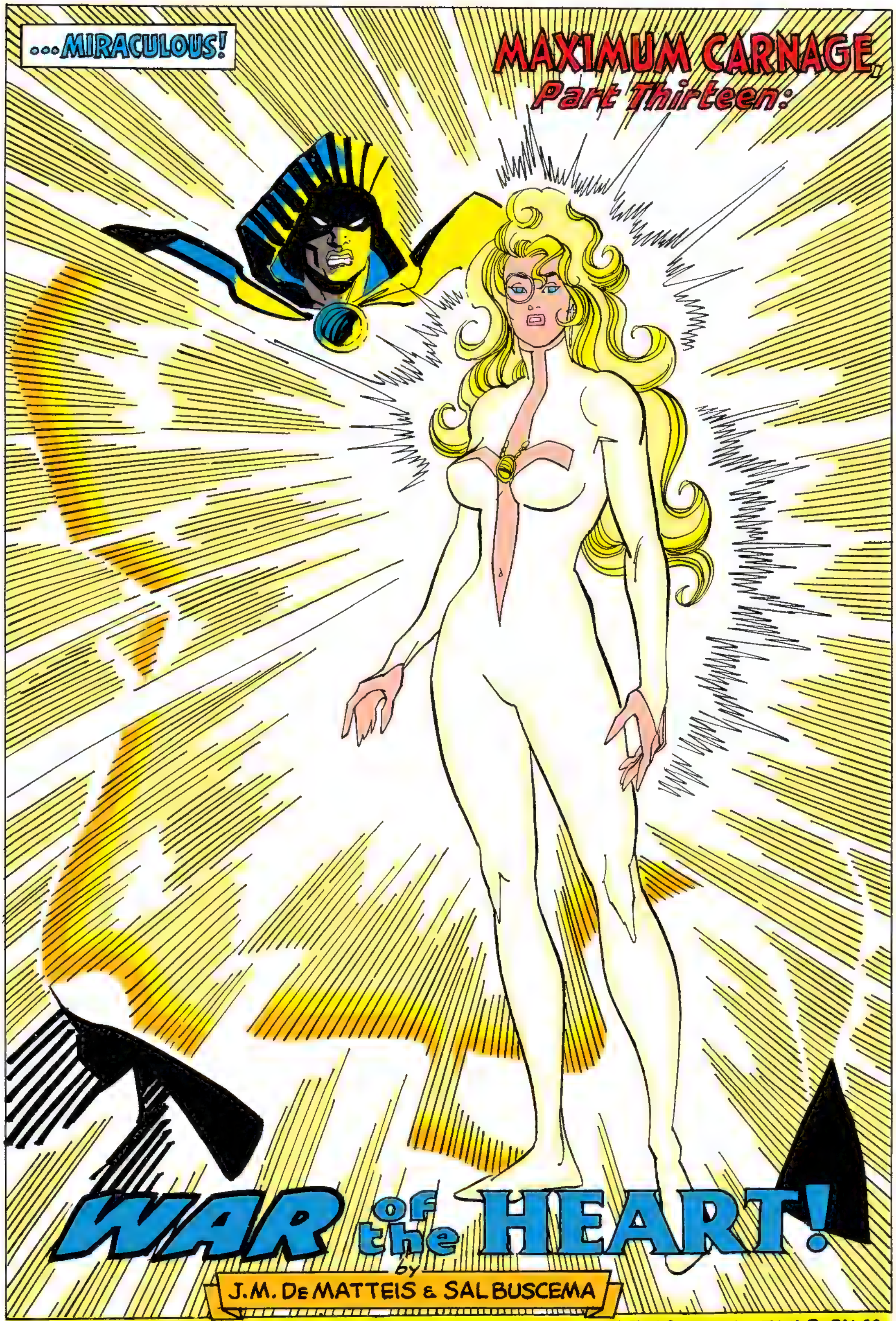

THE LIGHT!
IT'S SUDDENLY EVERYWHERE...
...FLOODING THESE MANHATTAN STREETS... BRIGHTER THAN THE MORNING SUN!
AND THOSE GATHERED HERE--WHO, MOMENTS BEFORE, WERE PREPARING FOR THE FINAL BATTLE IN A GRISLY WAR THAT HAS BEEN TEARING THIS CITY APART FOR DAYS...
...STOP DEAD IN THEIR TRACKS...
...AWESTRUCK... OVERWHELMED... BY A SIGHT THAT CAN ONLY BE CALLED...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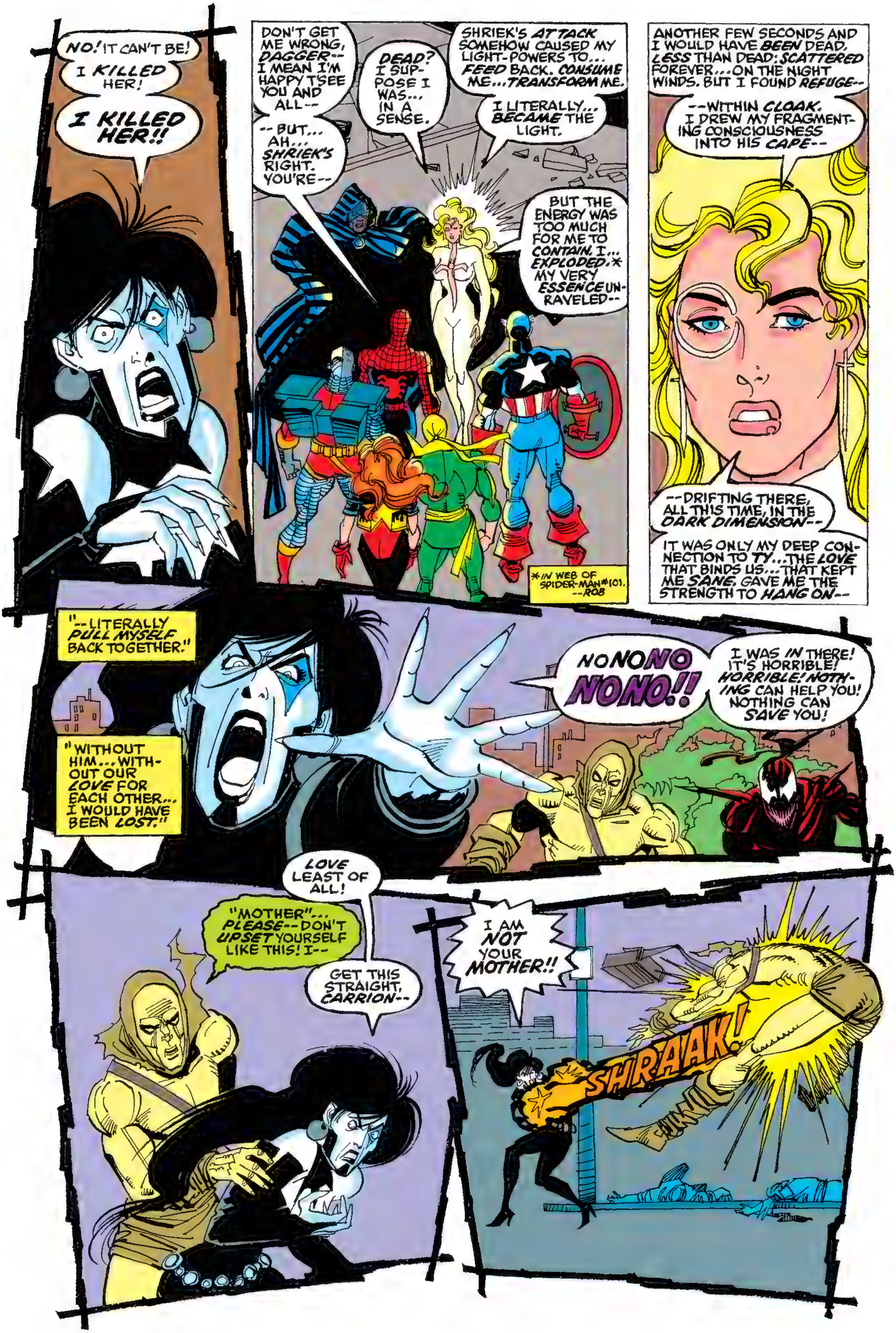
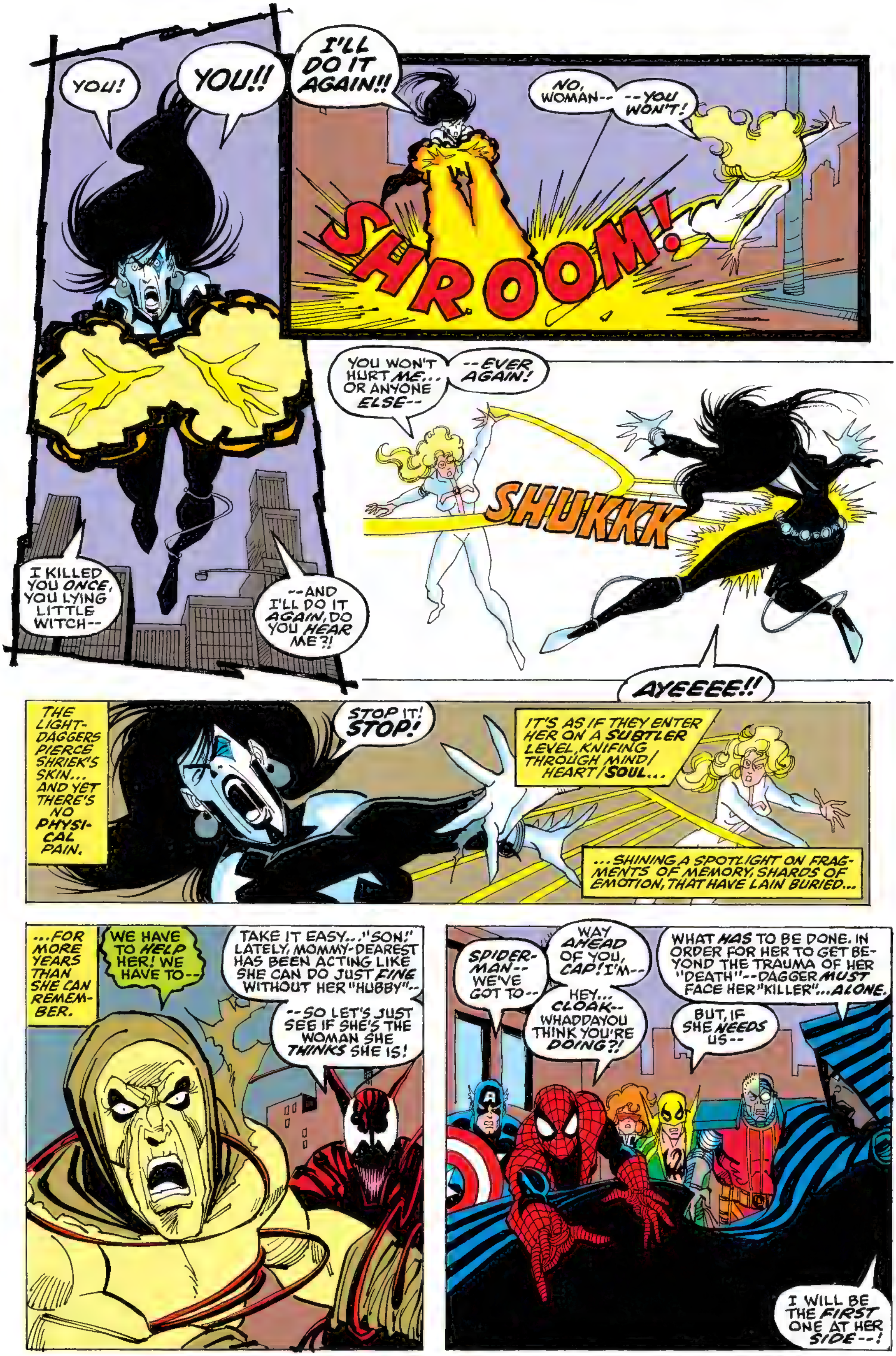
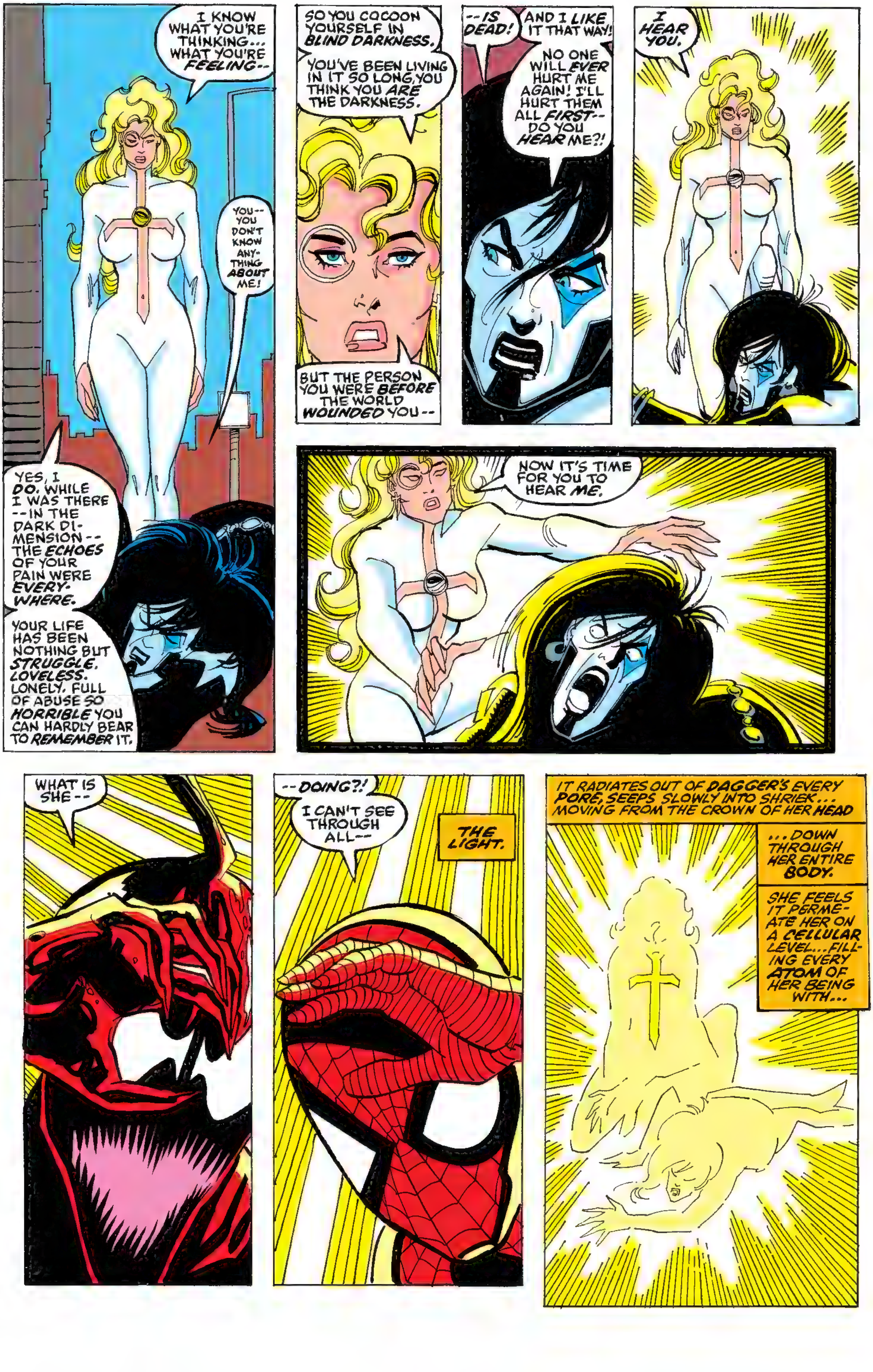
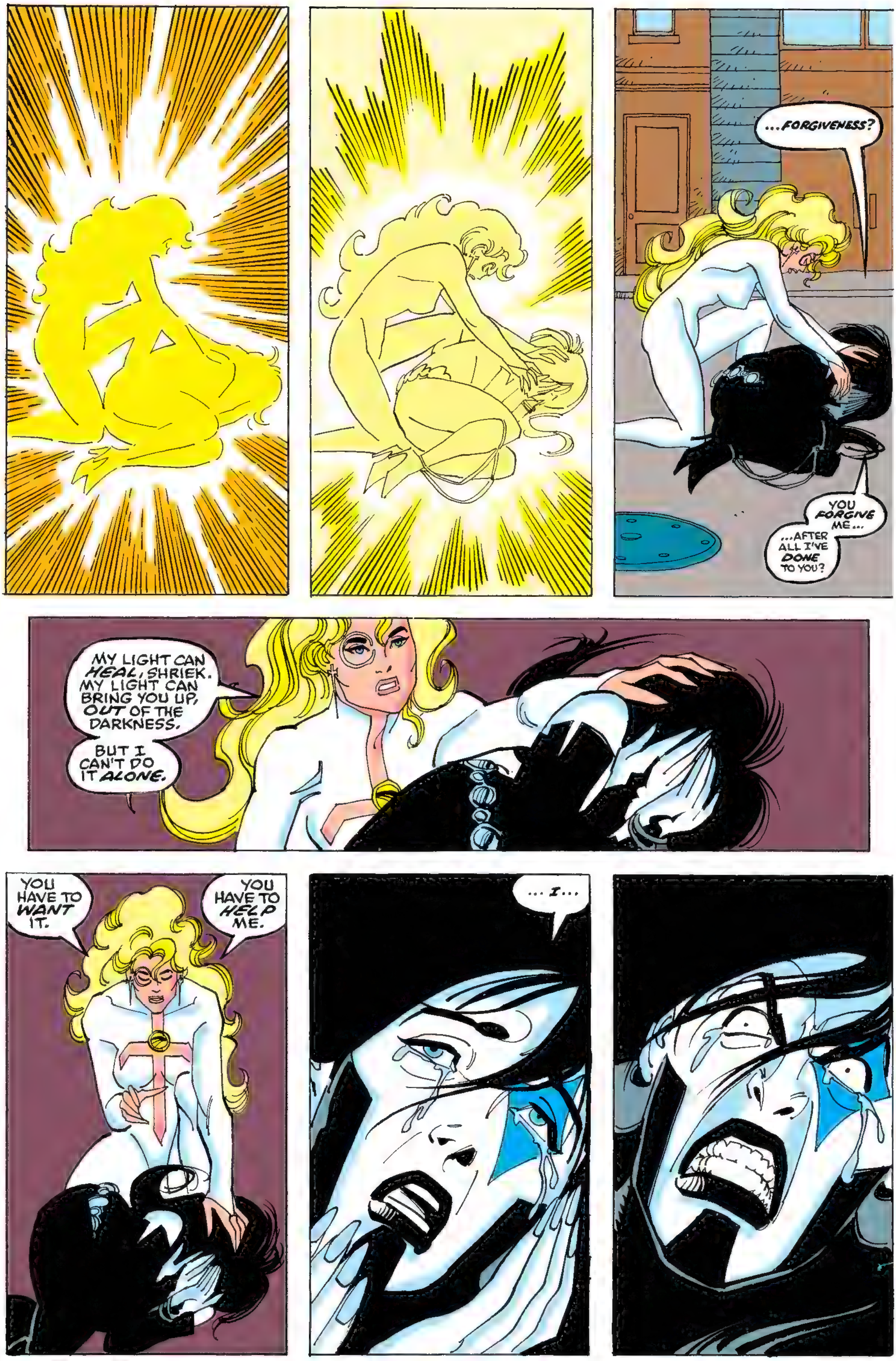
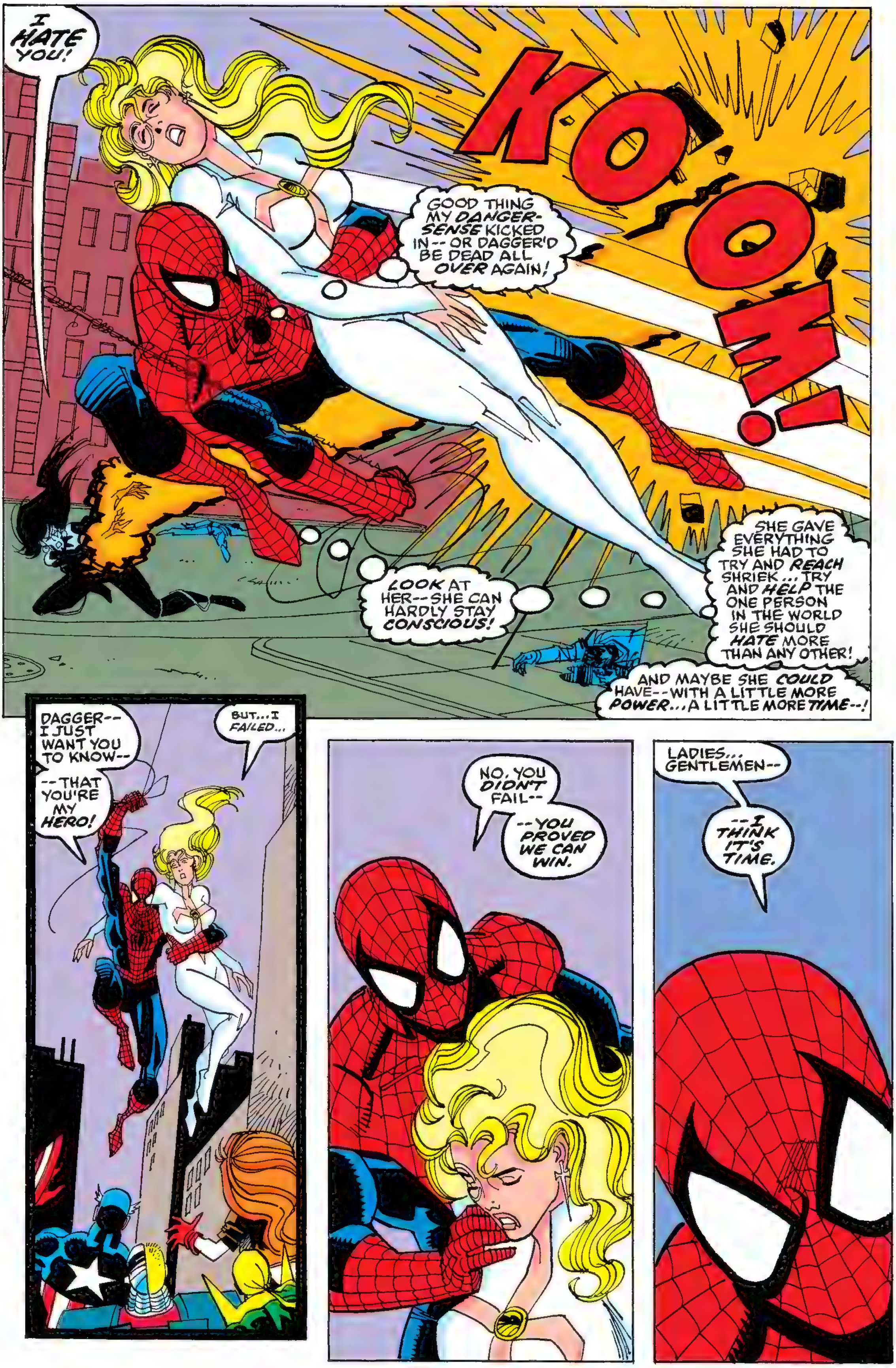
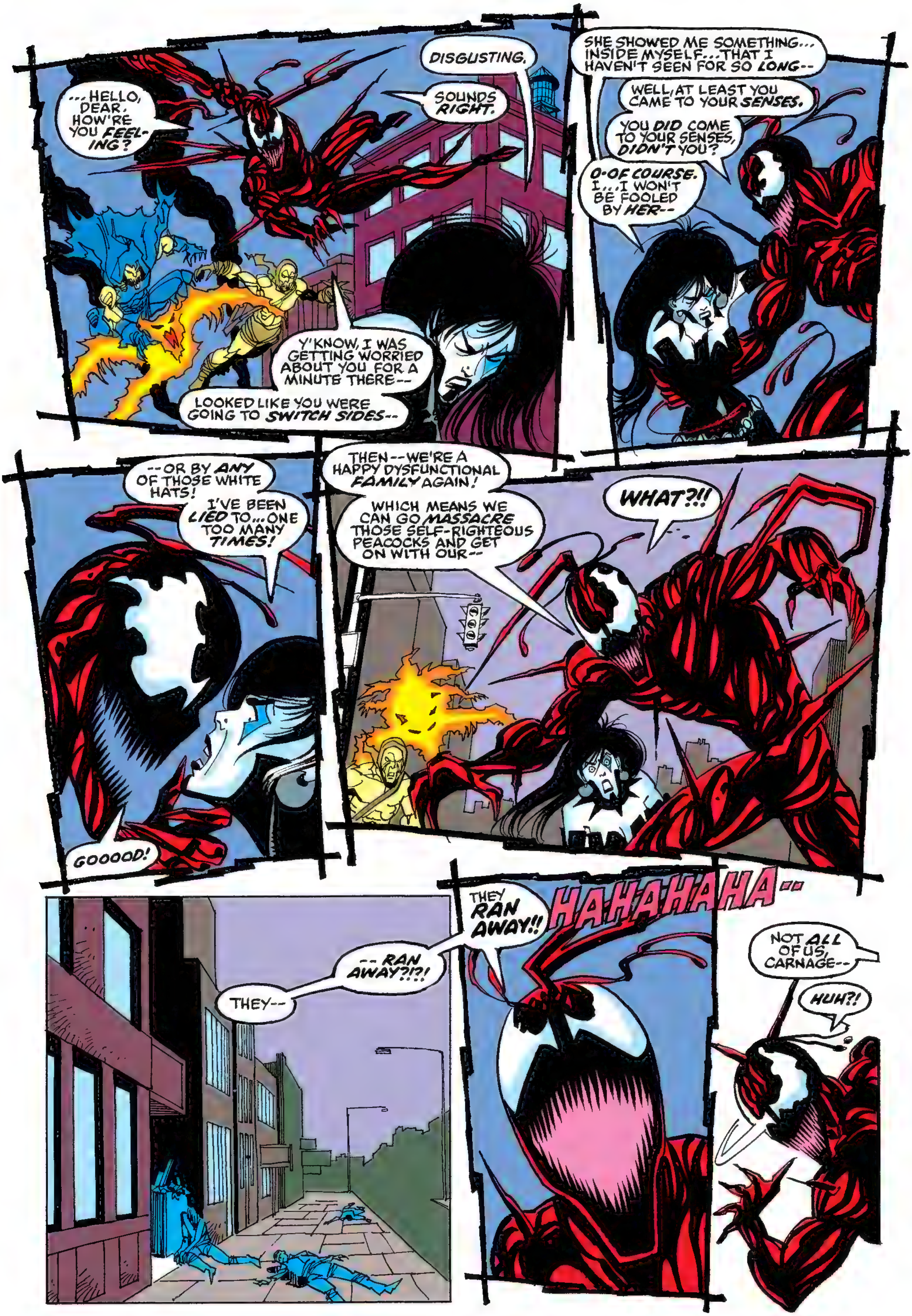

NO! IT CAN'T BE!
I KILLED HER!
I KILLED HER!!
DON'T GET ME WRONG, DAGGER-- I MEAN I'M HAPPY T'SEE YOU AND ALL--
-- BUT... AH... SHRIEK'S RIGHT. YOU'RE--
DEAD? I SUPPOSE I WAS... IN A SENSE.
SHRIEK'S ATTACK SOMEHOW CAUSED MY LIGHT-POWERS TO... FEED BACK. CONSUME ME... TRANSFORM ME.
I LITERALLY... BECAME THE LIGHT.
BUT THE ENERGY WAS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO CONTAIN. I... EXPLODED.* MY VERY ESSENCE UNRAVELED--
*IN WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #101. --ROB
ANOTHER FEW SECONDS AND I WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD. LESS THAN DEAD: SCATTERED FOREVER... ON THE NIGHT WINDS. BUT I FOUND REFUGE--
--WITHIN CLOAK. I DREW MY FRAGMENTING CONSCIOUSNESS INTO HIS CAPE--
--DRIFTING THERE, ALL THIS TIME, IN THE DARK DIMENSION--
IT WAS ONLY MY DEEP CONNECTION TO TY... THE LOVE THAT BINDS US... THAT KEPT ME SANE. GAVE ME THE STRENGTH TO HANG ON--
"--LITERALLY PULL MYSELF BACK TOGETHER."
"WITHOUT HIM... WITHOUT OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER... I WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST."
NONONONONO!!
I WAS IN THERE! IT'S HORRIBLE! HORRIBLE! NOTHING CAN HELP YOU! NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU!
LOVE LEAST OF ALL!
"MOTHER"... PLEASE-- DON'T UPSET YOURSELF LIKE THIS! I--
GET THIS STRAIGHT, CARRION--
I AM NOT YOUR MOTHER!!
SHRAAK!

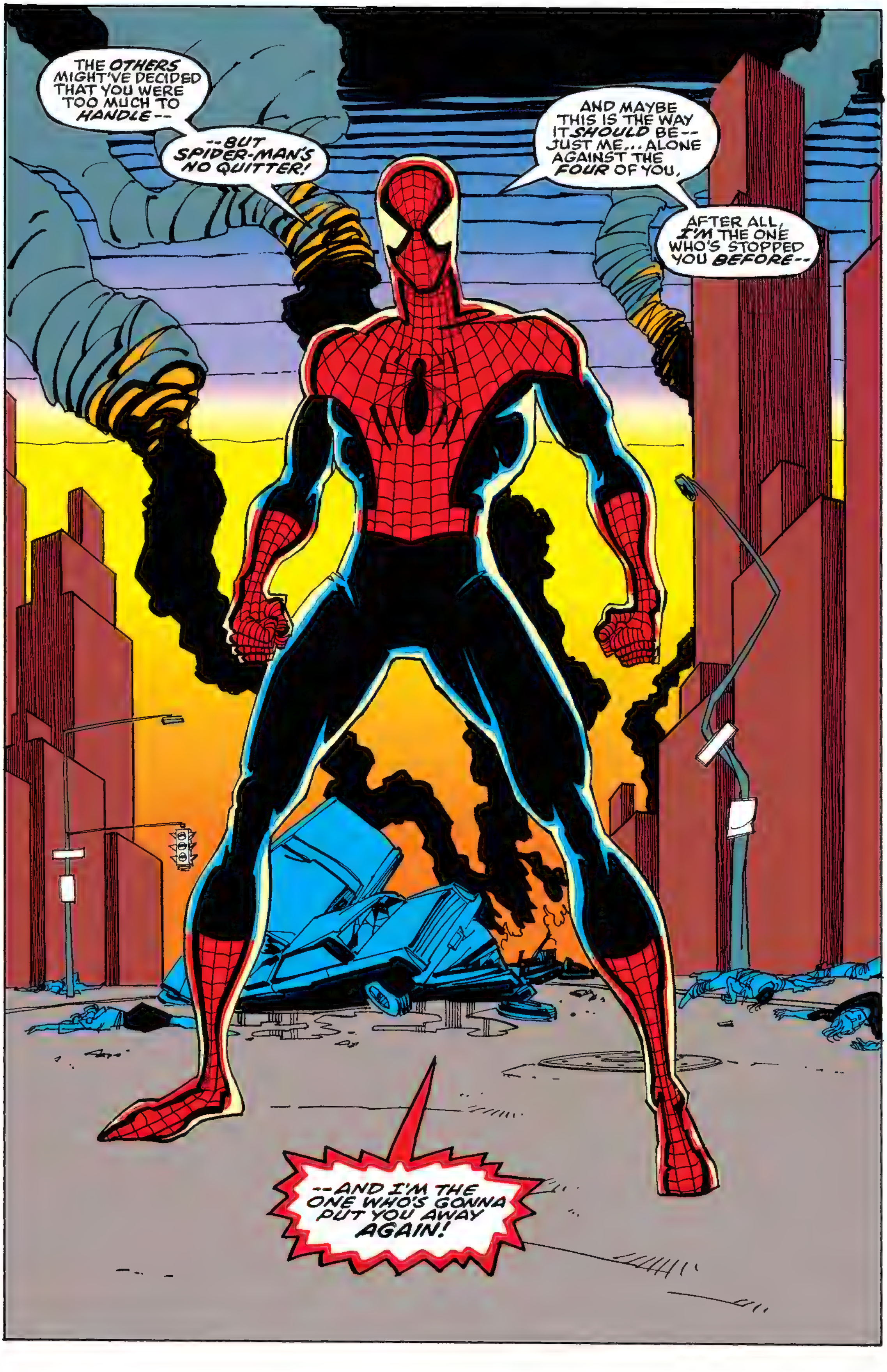

YOU!
YOU!!
I KILLED YOU *ONCE*, YOU LYING LITTLE WITCH--
--AND I'LL DO IT *AGAIN*, DO YOU *HEAR* ME?!
I'LL DO IT AGAIN!!
NO, WOMAN--
--YOU WON'T!
SHROOM!
YOU WON'T HURT *ME*... OR ANYONE *ELSE*--
--*EVER AGAIN!*
SHUKKK
AYEEEE!!
THE LIGHT-DAGGERS PIERCE SHRIEK'S SKIN... AND YET THERE'S NO *PHYSICAL* PAIN.
STOP IT! *STOP!*
IT'S AS IF THEY ENTER HER ON A *SUBTLER* LEVEL, KNIFING THROUGH MIND/HEART/*SOUL*...
...SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON FRAGMENTS OF MEMORY, SHARDS OF EMOTION, THAT HAVE LAIN BURIED...
...FOR MORE YEARS THAN SHE CAN REMEMBER.
WE HAVE TO *HELP* HER! WE HAVE TO--
TAKE IT EASY... "SON." LATELY, MOMMY-DEAREST HAS BEEN ACTING LIKE SHE CAN DO JUST *FINE* WITHOUT HER "HUBBY"--
--SO LET'S JUST SEE IF SHE'S THE WOMAN SHE *THINKS* SHE IS!
SPIDER-MAN-- WE'VE GOT TO--
WAY *AHEAD* OF YOU, *CAP!* I'M--
HEY... *CLOAK*-- WHADDAYOU THINK YOU'RE *DOING?!*
WHAT *HAS* TO BE DONE. IN ORDER FOR HER TO GET BEYOND THE TRAUMA OF HER "DEATH"--DAGGER *MUST* FACE HER "KILLER"... *ALONE*.
BUT, IF SHE *NEEDS* US--
I WILL BE THE *FIRST* ONE AT HER *SIDE*--!

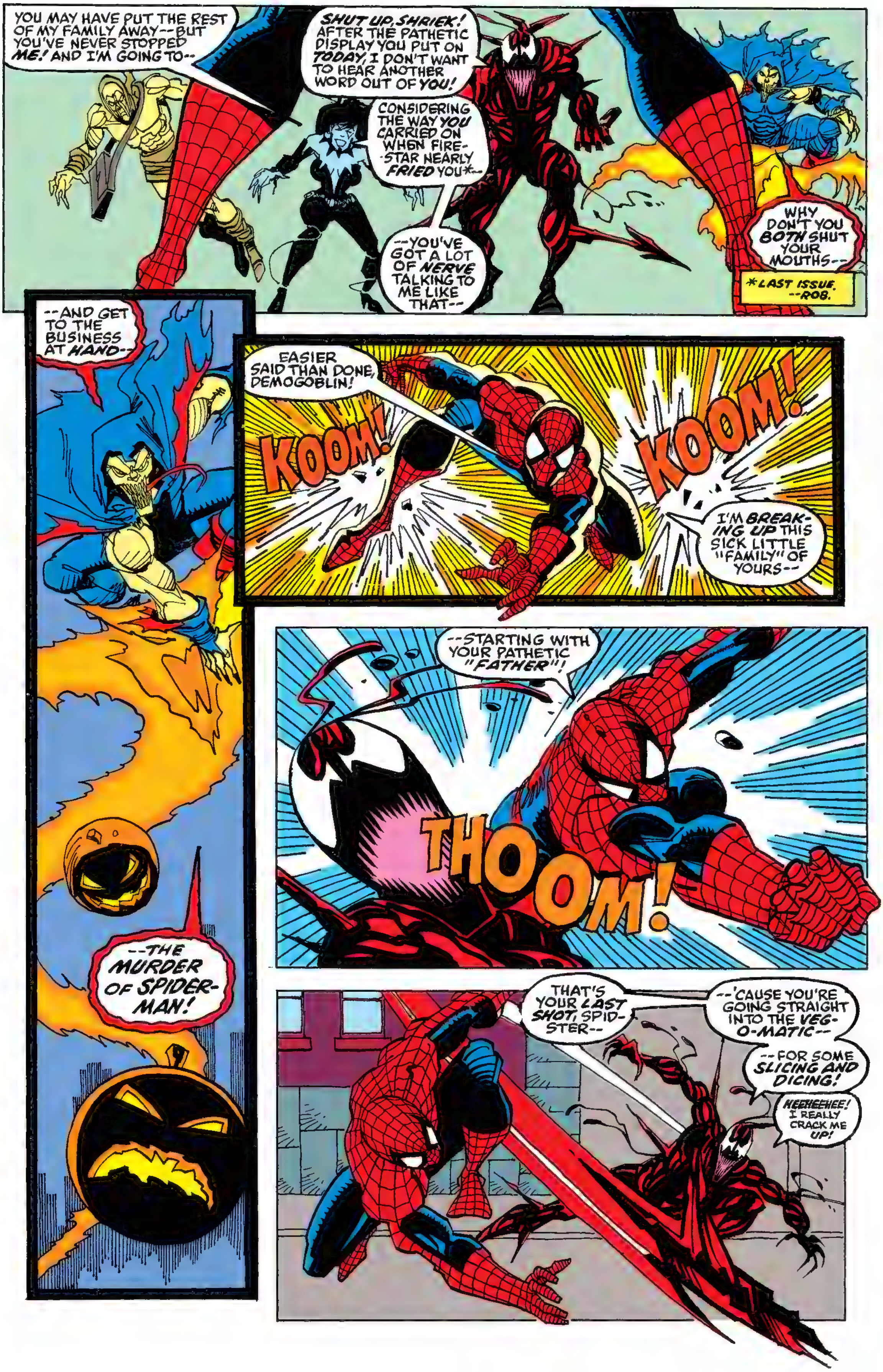

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING... WHAT YOU'RE FEELING--
YOU--YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME!
YES, I DO. WHILE I WAS THERE --IN THE DARK DIMENSION-- THE ECHOES OF YOUR PAIN WERE EVERYWHERE.
YOUR LIFE HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT STRUGGLE. LOVELESS. LONELY. FULL OF ABUSE SO HORRIBLE YOU CAN HARDLY BEAR TO REMEMBER IT.
SO YOU COCOON YOURSELF IN BLIND DARKNESS.
YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IN IT SO LONG, YOU THINK YOU ARE THE DARKNESS.
BUT THE PERSON YOU WERE BEFORE THE WORLD WOUNDED YOU--
--IS DEAD!
AND I LIKE IT THAT WAY!
NO ONE WILL EVER HURT ME AGAIN! I'LL HURT THEM ALL FIRST-- DO YOU HEAR ME?!
I HEAR YOU.
NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO HEAR ME.
WHAT IS SHE--
--DOING?!
I CAN'T SEE THROUGH ALL--
THE LIGHT.
IT RADIATES OUT OF DAGGER'S EVERY PORE, SEEPS SLOWLY INTO SHRIEK... MOVING FROM THE CROWN OF HER HEAD
...DOWN THROUGH HER ENTIRE BODY.
SHE FEELS IT PERMEATE HER ON A CELLULAR LEVEL...FILLING EVERY ATOM OF HER BEING WITH...

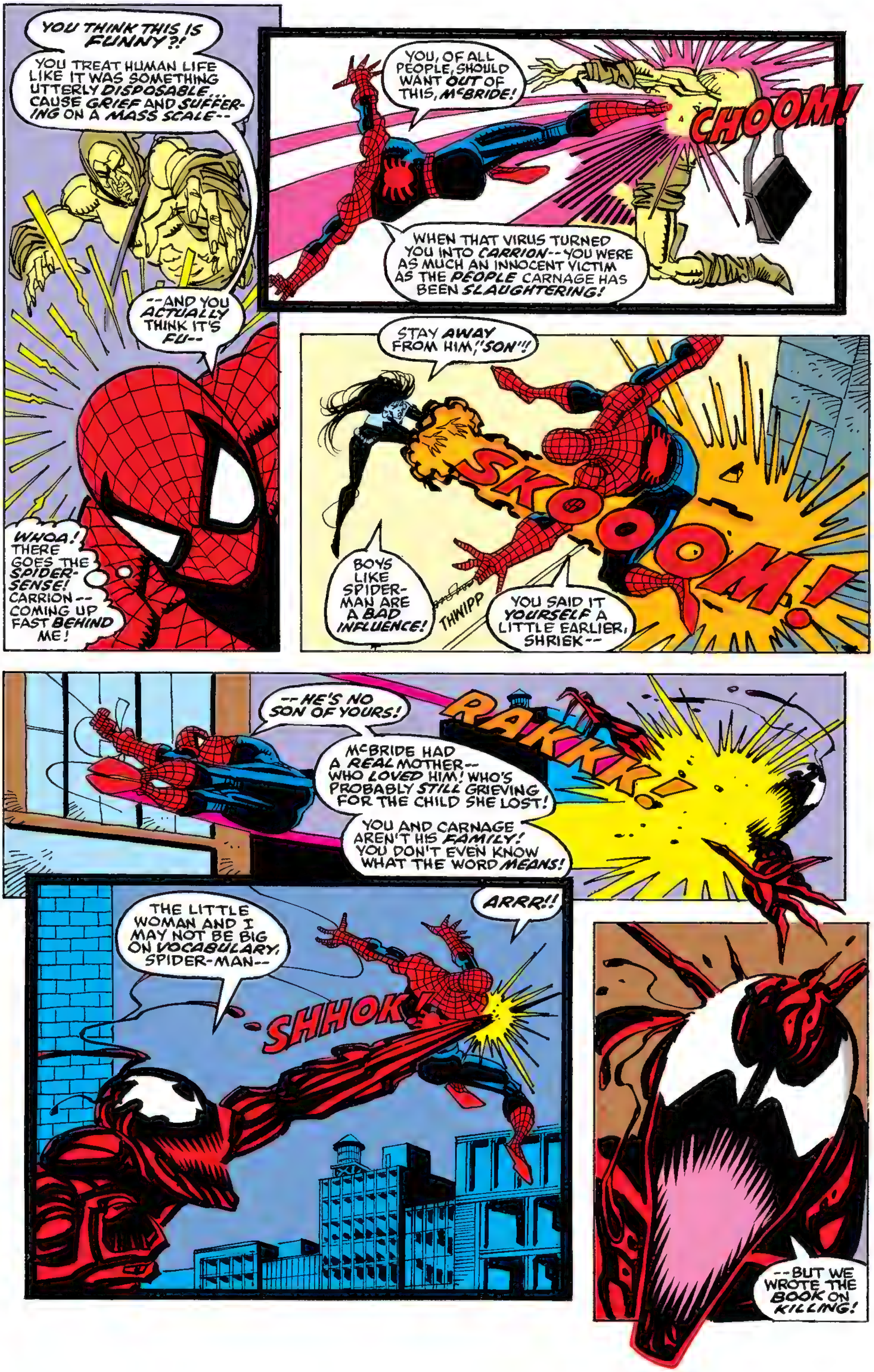

...FORGIVENESS?
YOU FORGIVE ME...
...AFTER ALL I'VE DONE TO YOU?
MY LIGHT CAN HEAL, SHRIEK. MY LIGHT CAN BRING YOU UP, OUT OF THE DARKNESS.
BUT I CAN'T DO IT ALONE.
YOU HAVE TO WANT IT.
YOU HAVE TO HELP ME.
...I...

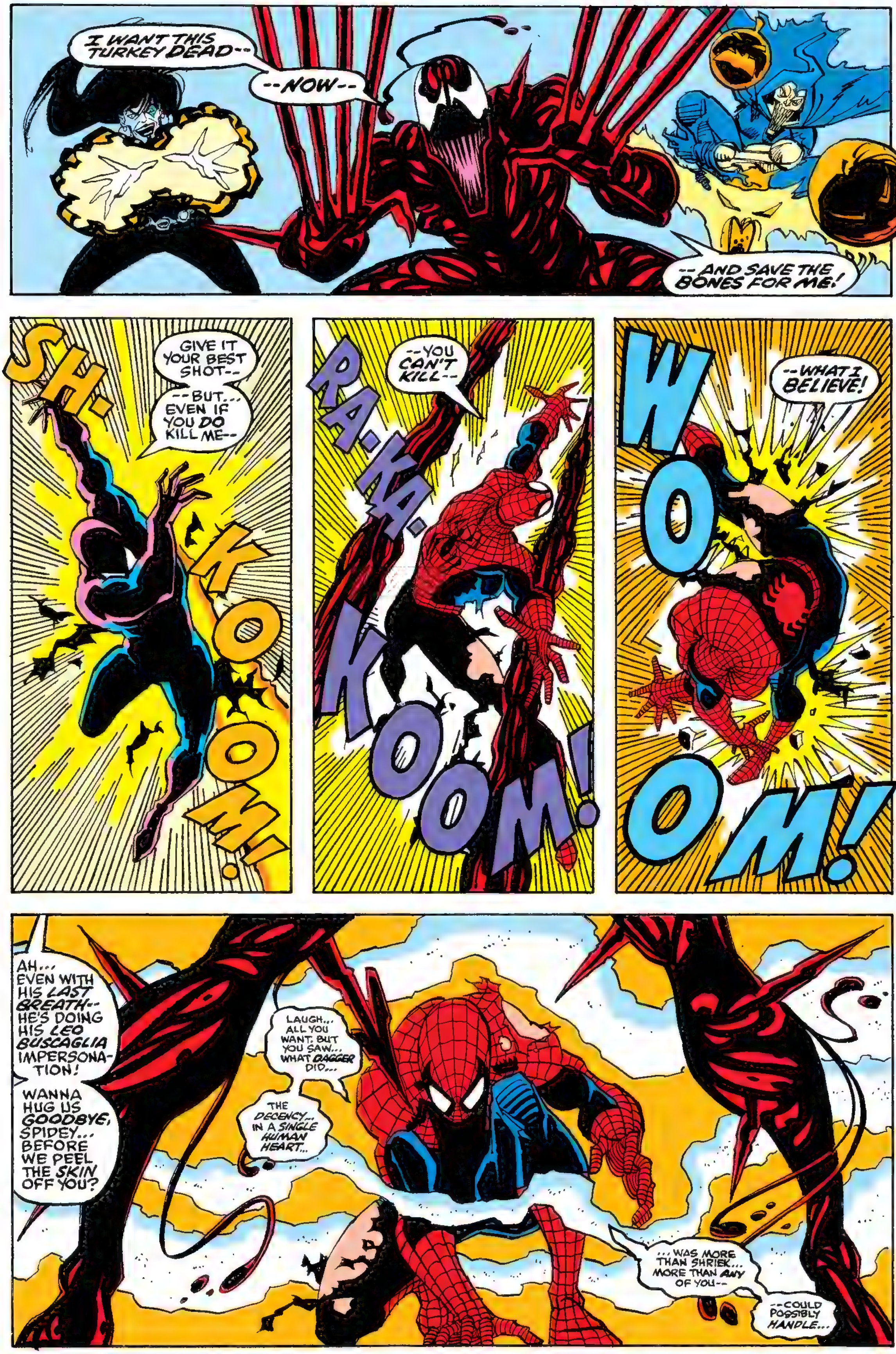

I HATE YOU!
KOOM!
GOOD THING MY DANGER-SENSE KICKED IN-- OR DAGGER'D BE DEAD ALL OVER AGAIN!
LOOK AT HER-- SHE CAN HARDLY STAY CONSCIOUS!
SHE GAVE EVERYTHING SHE HAD TO TRY AND REACH SHRIEK... TRY AND HELP THE ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD SHE SHOULD HATE MORE THAN ANY OTHER!
AND MAYBE SHE COULD HAVE--WITH A LITTLE MORE POWER... A LITTLE MORE TIME--!
DAGGER-- I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW--
--THAT YOU'RE MY HERO!
BUT... I FAILED...
NO, YOU DIDN'T FAIL--
--YOU PROVED WE CAN WIN.
LADIES... GENTLEMEN--
--I THINK IT'S TIME.

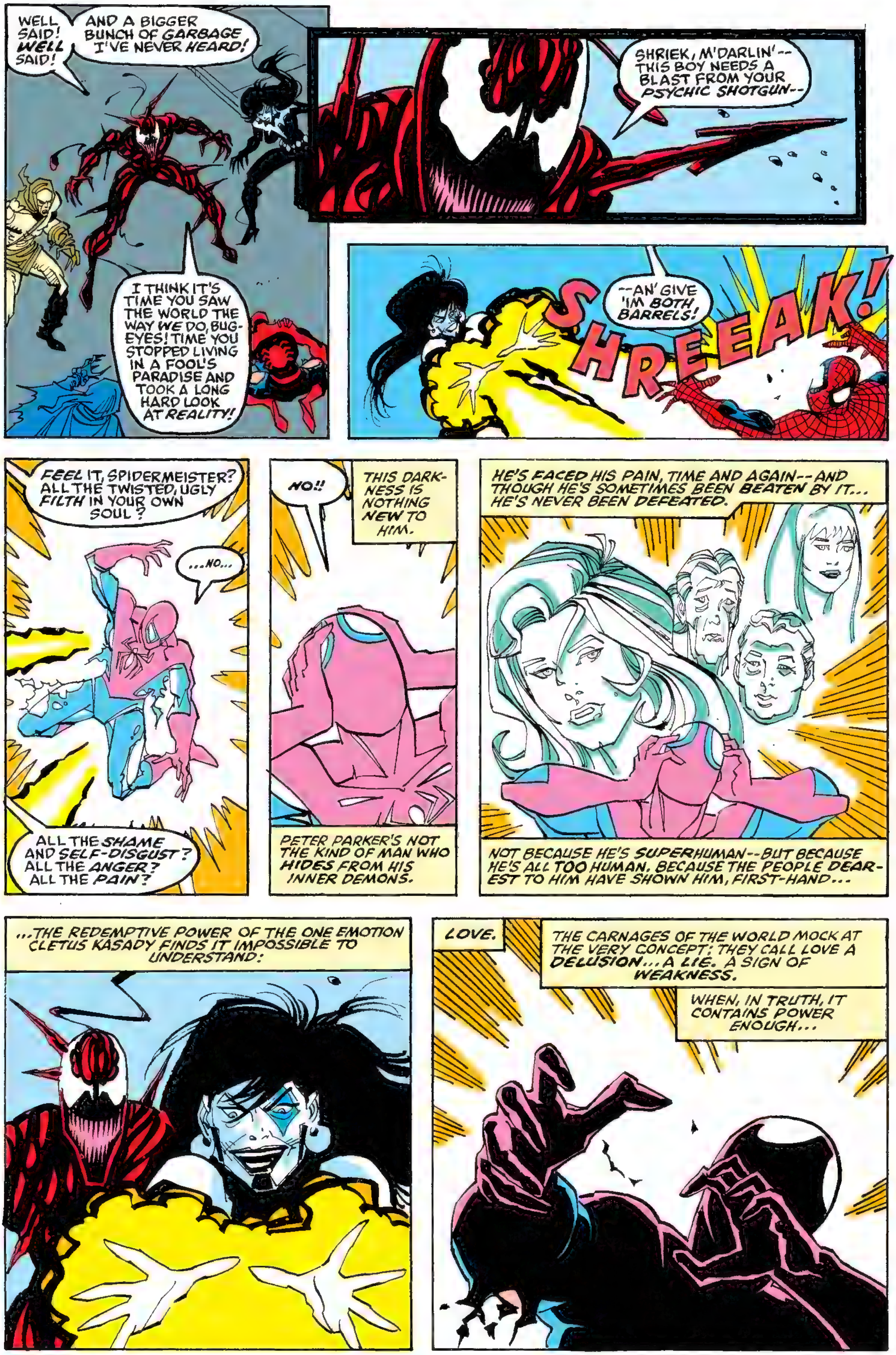

...HELLO, DEAR. HOW'RE YOU FEEL-ING?
DISGUSTING.
SOUNDS RIGHT.
Y'KNOW, I WAS GETTING WORRIED ABOUT YOU FOR A MINUTE THERE--
LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE GOING TO SWITCH SIDES--
SHE SHOWED ME SOMETHING... INSIDE MYSELF... THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN FOR SO LONG--
WELL, AT LEAST YOU CAME TO YOUR SENSES.
YOU DID COME TO YOUR SENSES, DIDN'T YOU?
O-OF COURSE. I... I WON'T BE FOOLED BY HER--
--OR BY ANY OF THOSE WHITE HATS!
I'VE BEEN LIED TO... ONE TOO MANY TIMES!
GOOOOD!
THEN--WE'RE A HAPPY DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY AGAIN!
WHICH MEANS WE CAN GO MASSACRE THOSE SELF-RIGHTEOUS PEACOCKS AND GET ON WITH OUR--
WHAT?!!
THEY--
--RAN AWAY?!?!
THEY RAN AWAY!!
HAHAHAHAHA--
NOT ALL OF US, CARNAGE--
HUH?!

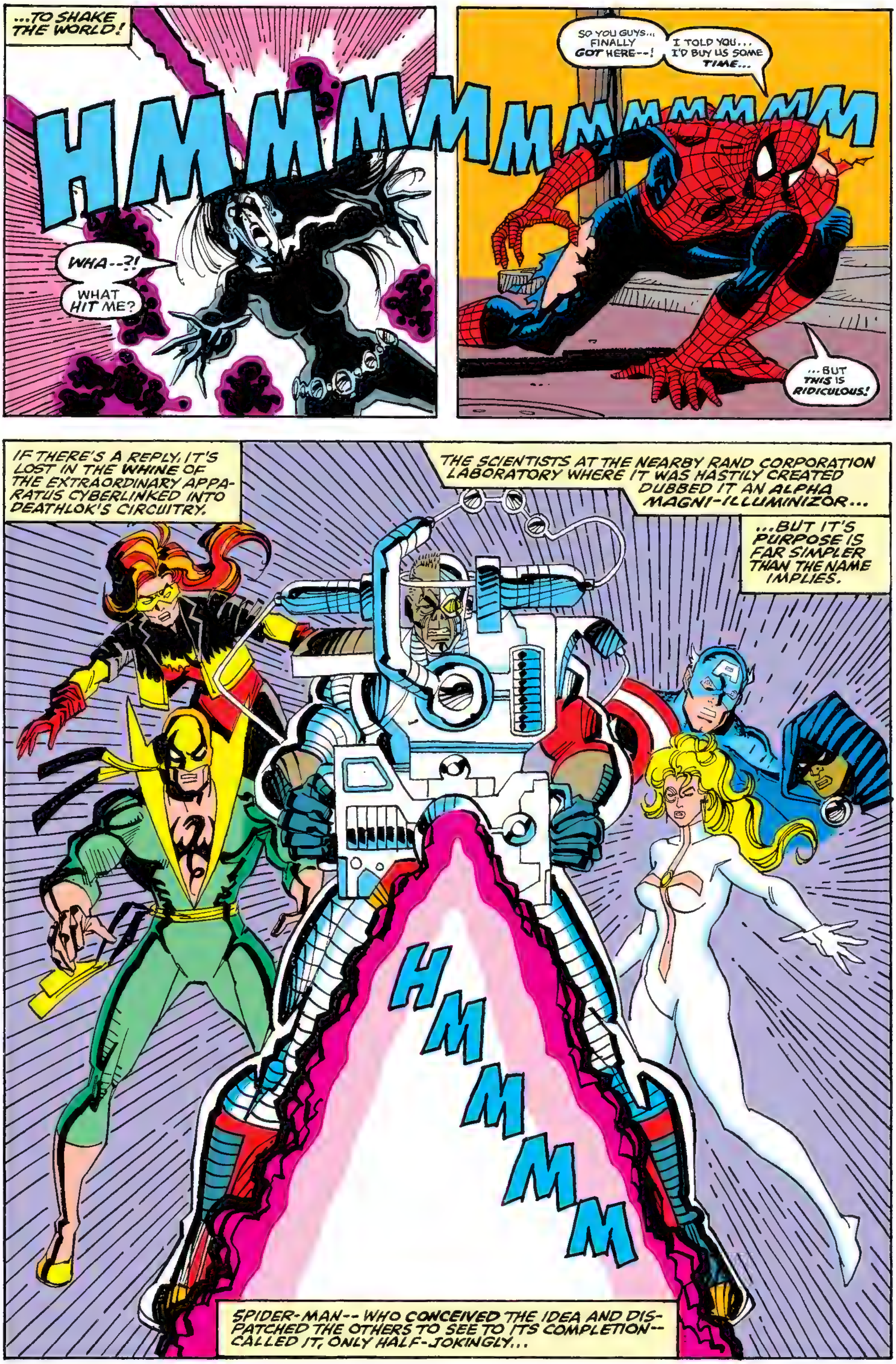

THE *OTHERS* MIGHT'VE DECIDED THAT YOU WERE TOO MUCH TO *HANDLE*--
--*BUT SPIDER-MAN'S NO QUITTER!*
AND MAYBE THIS IS THE WAY IT *SHOULD* BE-- JUST ME... ALONE AGAINST THE *FOUR* OF YOU.
AFTER ALL, *I'M* THE ONE WHO'S STOPPED YOU *BEFORE*--
--AND I'M THE ONE WHO'S GONNA PUT YOU AWAY AGAIN!

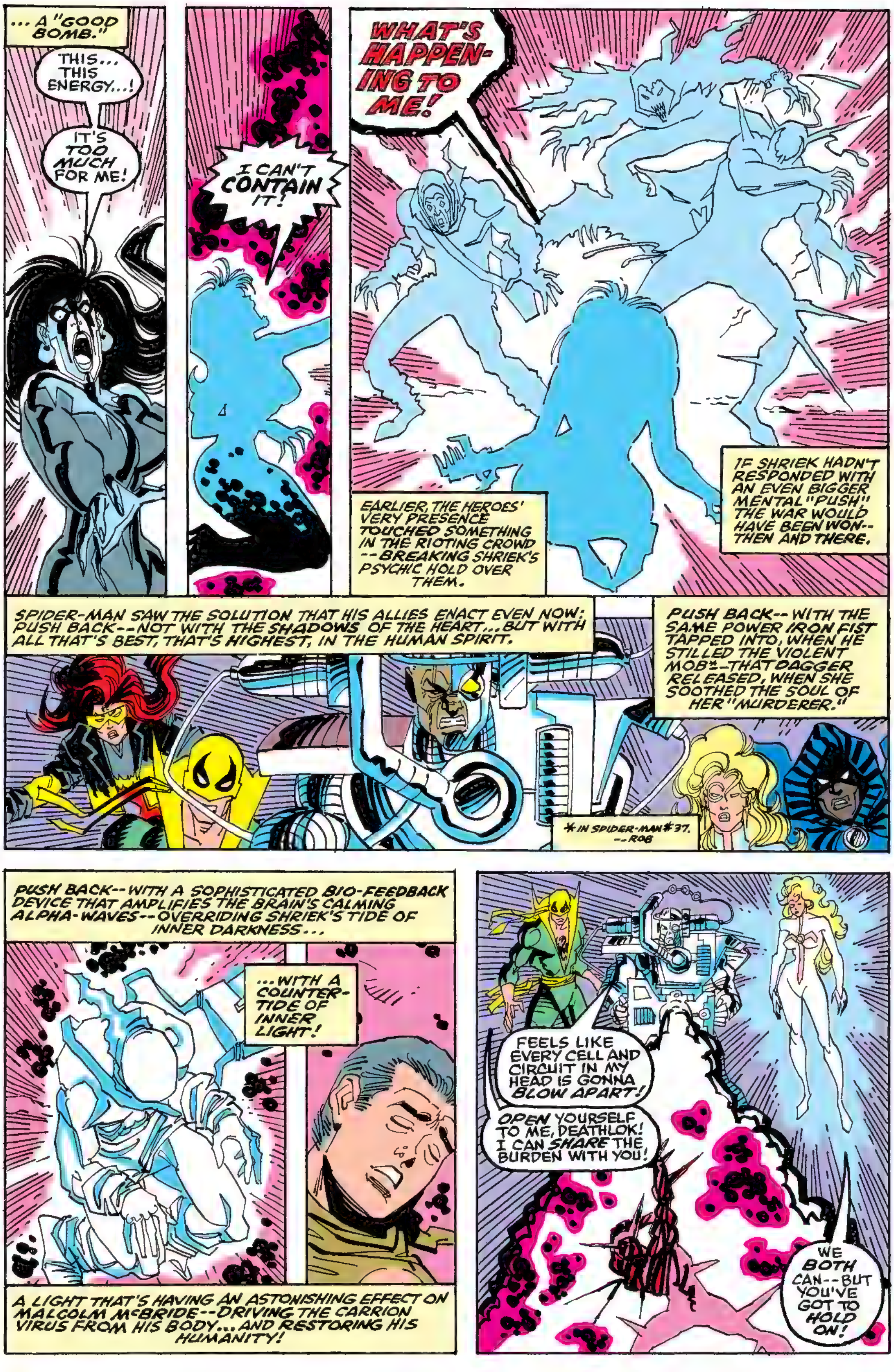

YOU MAY HAVE PUT THE REST OF MY FAMILY AWAY--BUT YOU'VE NEVER STOPPED *ME!* AND I'M GOING TO--
SHUT UP, SHRIEK! AFTER THE PATHETIC DISPLAY YOU PUT ON *TODAY*, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER WORD OUT OF *YOU!*
CONSIDERING THE WAY *YOU* CARRIED ON WHEN FIRESTAR NEARLY *FRIED* YOU*--
--YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF *NERVE* TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT--
WHY DON'T YOU *BOTH* SHUT YOUR MOUTHS--
**LAST ISSUE. --ROB.*
--AND GET TO THE BUSINESS AT *HAND*--
--THE *MURDER OF SPIDER-MAN!*
EASIER SAID THAN DONE, DEMOGOBLIN!
KOOM!
KOOM!
I'M *BREAKING UP* THIS SICK LITTLE "FAMILY" OF YOURS--
--STARTING WITH YOUR PATHETIC *"FATHER"*!
THOOM!
THAT'S YOUR *LAST SHOT*, SPIDSTER--
--'CAUSE YOU'RE GOING STRAIGHT INTO THE *VEG-O-MATIC*--
--FOR SOME *SLICING AND DICING!*
HEEHEEHEE! I REALLY CRACK ME *UP!*

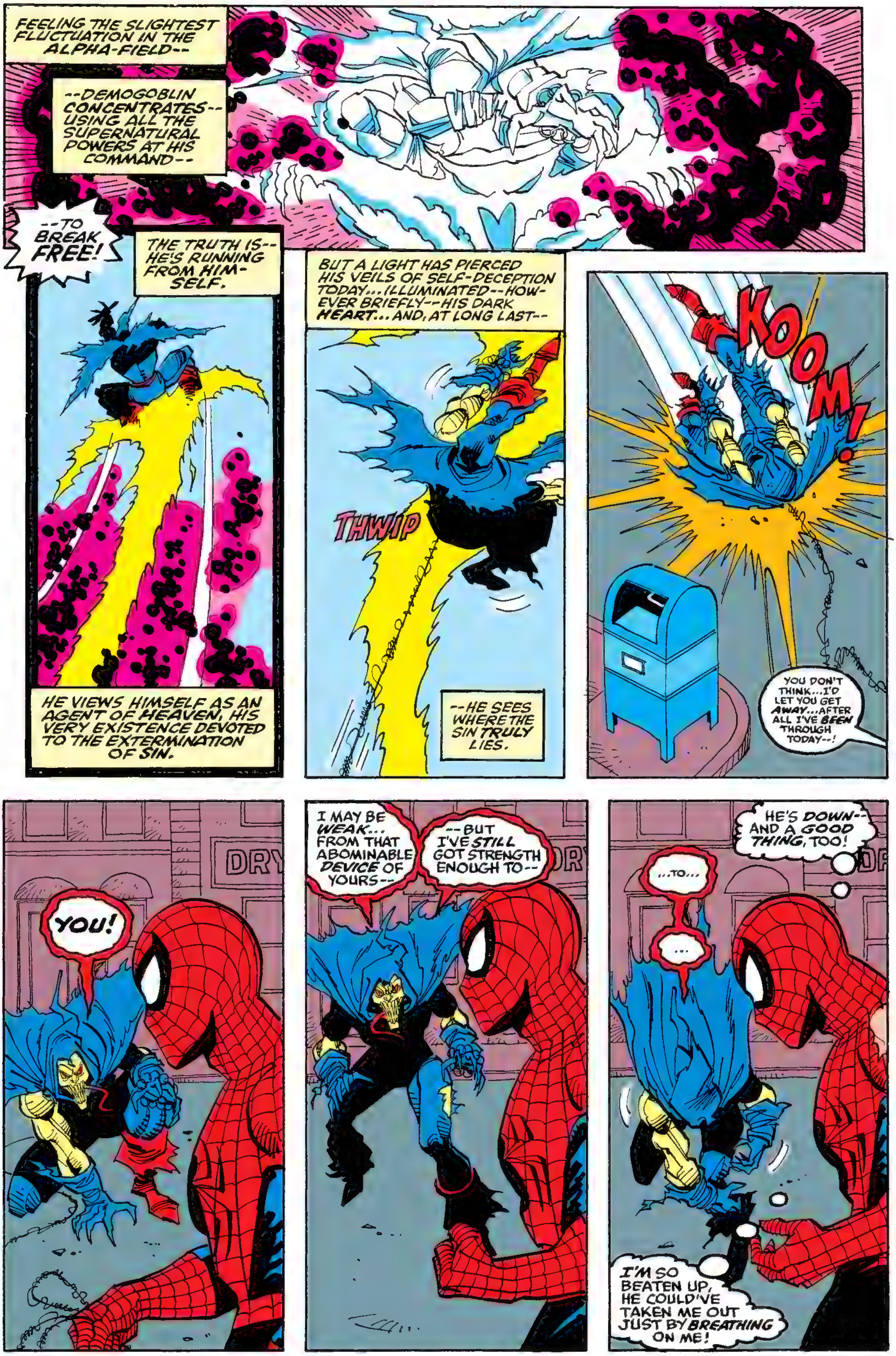

YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY?!
YOU TREAT HUMAN LIFE LIKE IT WAS SOMETHING UTTERLY DISPOSABLE... CAUSE GRIEF AND SUFFERING ON A MASS SCALE--
YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, SHOULD WANT OUT OF THIS, McBRIDE!
CHOOM!
WHEN THAT VIRUS TURNED YOU INTO CARRION--YOU WERE AS MUCH AN INNOCENT VICTIM AS THE PEOPLE CARNAGE HAS BEEN SLAUGHTERING!
--AND YOU ACTUALLY THINK IT'S FU--
WHOA! THERE GOES THE SPIDER-SENSE! CARRION--COMING UP FAST BEHIND ME!
STAY AWAY FROM HIM, "SON"!
SKOOOOM!
BOYS LIKE SPIDER-MAN ARE A BAD INFLUENCE!
THWIPP
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF A LITTLE EARLIER, SHRIEK--
--HE'S NO SON OF YOURS!
McBRIDE HAD A REAL MOTHER--WHO LOVED HIM! WHO'S PROBABLY STILL GRIEVING FOR THE CHILD SHE LOST!
YOU AND CARNAGE AREN'T HIS FAMILY! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE WORD MEANS!
RAKKK!
ARRR!!
THE LITTLE WOMAN AND I MAY NOT BE BIG ON VOCABULARY, SPIDER-MAN--
SHHOK!
--BUT WE WROTE THE BOOK ON KILLING!

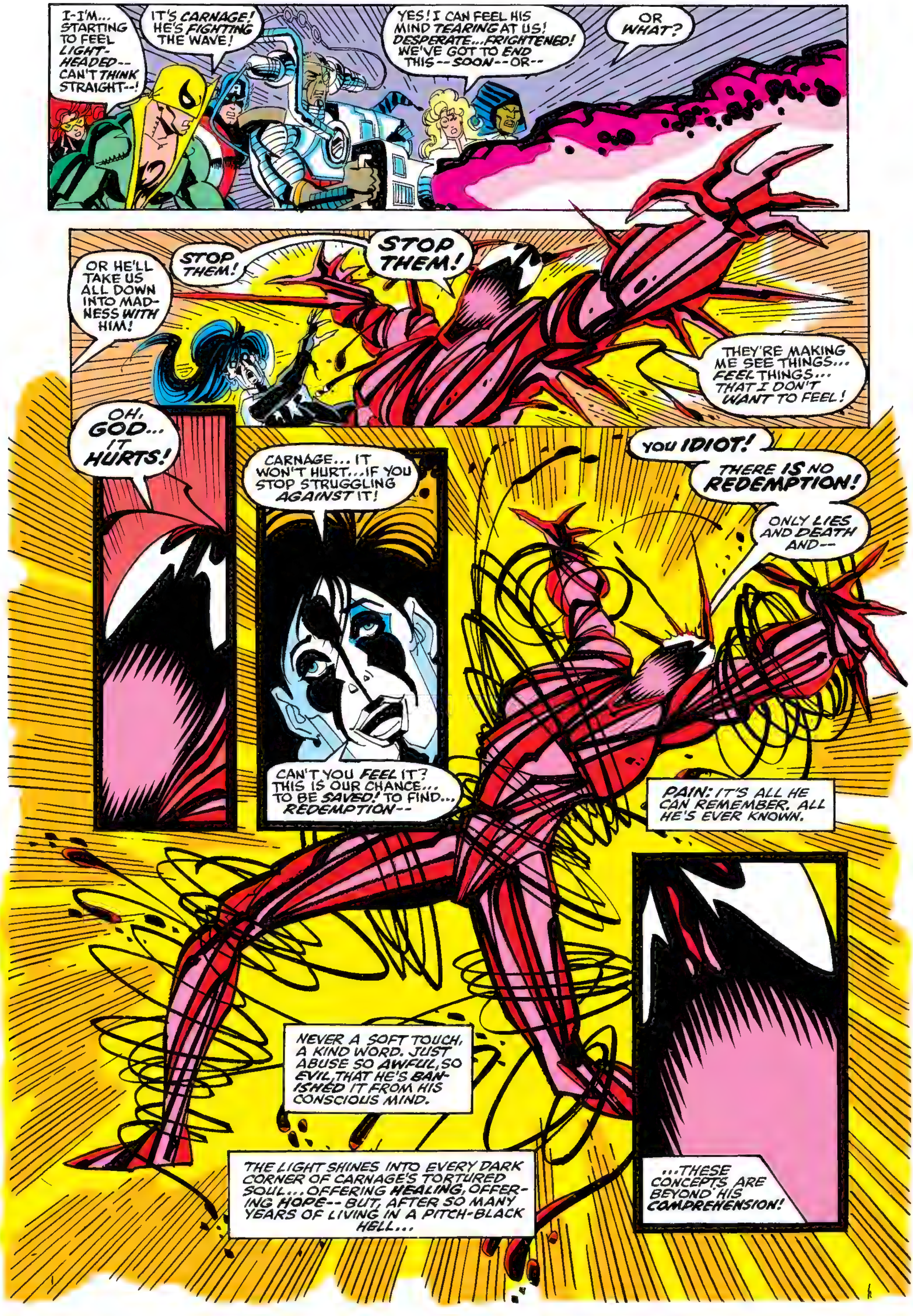

I WANT THIS TURKEY DEAD--
--NOW--
--AND SAVE THE BONES FOR ME!
SH-
GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT--
--BUT... EVEN IF YOU DO KILL ME--
KOOM!
RA-KA-
--YOU CAN'T KILL--
KOOM!
W
--WHAT I BELIEVE!
OOM!
AH... EVEN WITH HIS LAST BREATH-- HE'S DOING HIS LEO BUSCAGLIA IMPERSONATION!
WANNA HUG US GOODBYE, SPIDEY... BEFORE WE PEEL THE SKIN OFF YOU?
LAUGH... ALL YOU WANT. BUT YOU SAW... WHAT DAGGER DID...
THE DECENCY... IN A SINGLE HUMAN HEART...
...WAS MORE THAN SHRIEK... MORE THAN ANY OF YOU--
--COULD POSSIBLY HANDLE...

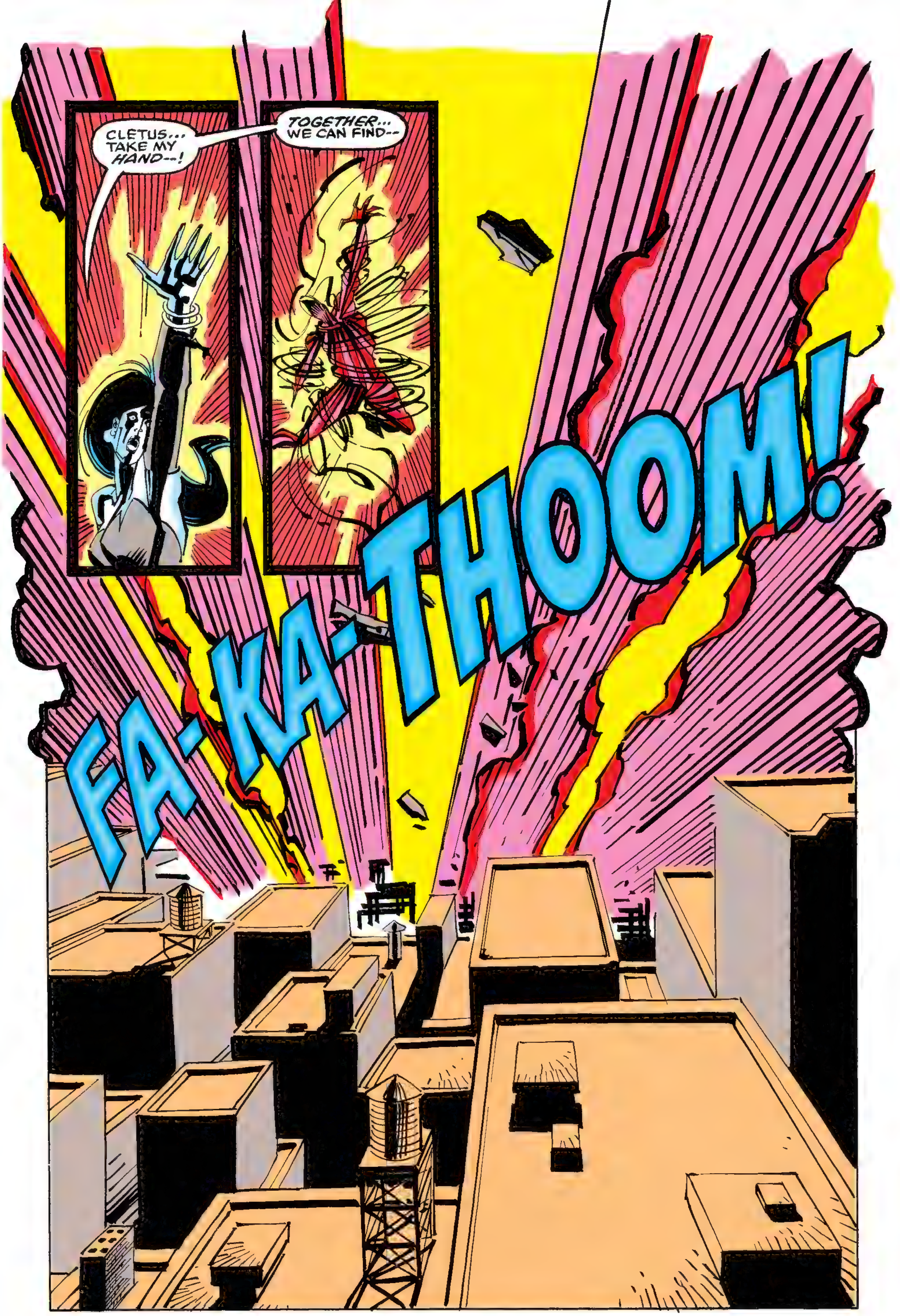

WELL SAID! WELL SAID!
AND A BIGGER BUNCH OF GARBAGE I'VE NEVER HEARD!
I THINK IT'S TIME YOU SAW THE WORLD THE WAY WE DO, BUG-EYES! TIME YOU STOPPED LIVING IN A FOOL'S PARADISE AND TOOK A LONG HARD LOOK AT REALITY!
SHRIEK, M'DARLIN'-- THIS BOY NEEDS A BLAST FROM YOUR PSYCHIC SHOTGUN--
--AN' GIVE 'IM BOTH BARRELS!
SHREEAK!
FEEL IT, SPIDERMEISTER? ALL THE TWISTED, UGLY FILTH IN YOUR OWN SOUL?
...NO...
ALL THE SHAME AND SELF-DISGUST? ALL THE ANGER? ALL THE PAIN?
NO!!
THIS DARKNESS IS NOTHING NEW TO HIM.
PETER PARKER'S NOT THE KIND OF MAN WHO HIDES FROM HIS INNER DEMONS.
HE'S FACED HIS PAIN, TIME AND AGAIN-- AND THOUGH HE'S SOMETIMES BEEN BEATEN BY IT... HE'S NEVER BEEN DEFEATED.
NOT BECAUSE HE'S SUPERHUMAN--BUT BECAUSE HE'S ALL TOO HUMAN. BECAUSE THE PEOPLE DEAREST TO HIM HAVE SHOWN HIM, FIRST-HAND...
...THE REDEMPTIVE POWER OF THE ONE EMOTION CLETUS KASADY FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND:
LOVE.
THE CARNAGES OF THE WORLD MOCK AT THE VERY CONCEPT: THEY CALL LOVE A DELUSION... A LIE. A SIGN OF WEAKNESS.
WHEN, IN TRUTH, IT CONTAINS POWER ENOUGH...

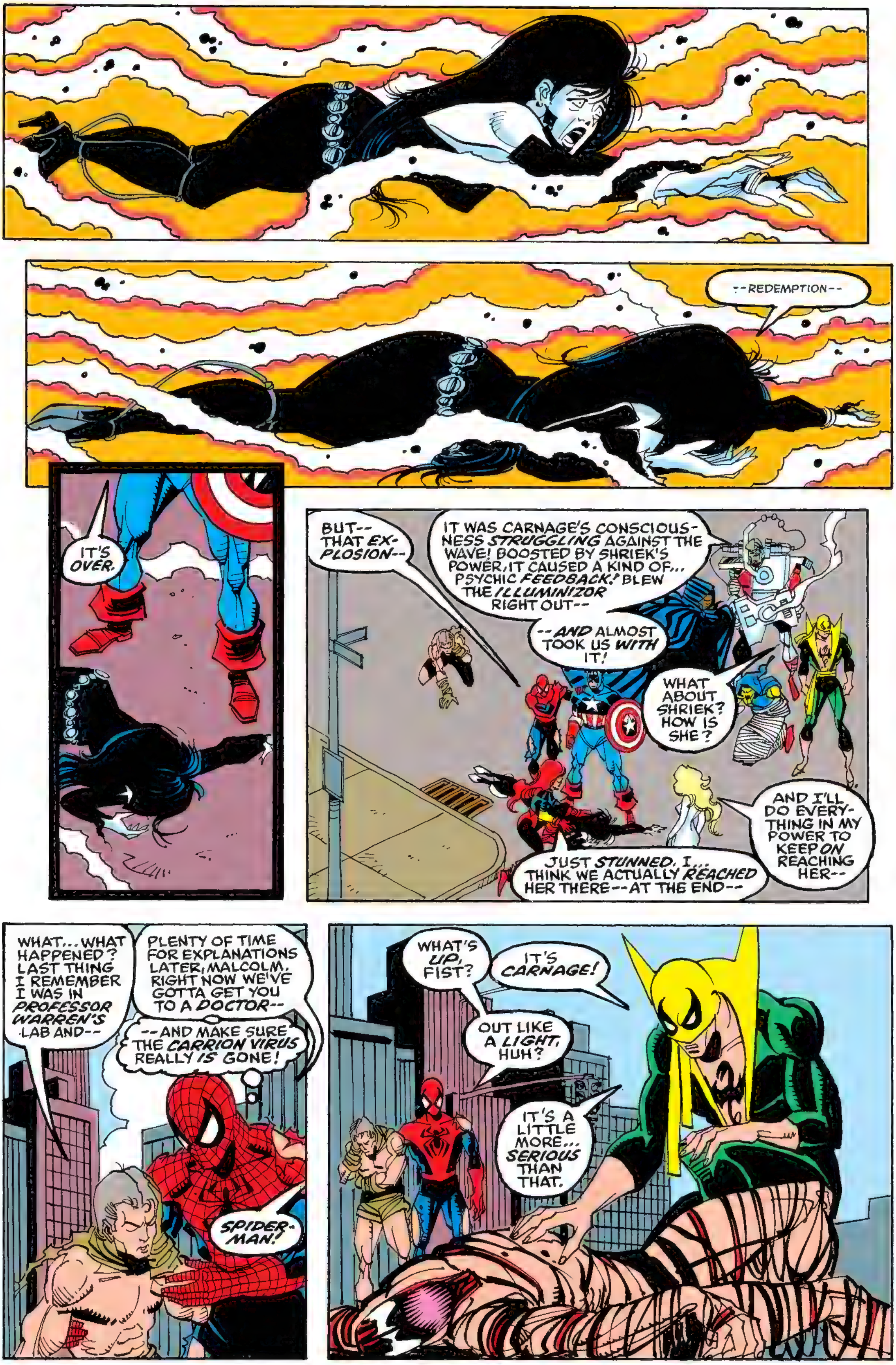

...TO SHAKE THE WORLD!
HMMMMMMMMMMMMM
WHA--?! WHAT HIT ME?
SO YOU GUYS... FINALLY GOT HERE--!
I TOLD YOU... I'D BUY US SOME TIME...
...BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
IF THERE'S A REPLY, IT'S LOST IN THE WHINE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY APPARATUS CYBERLINKED INTO DEATHLOK'S CIRCUITRY.
THE SCIENTISTS AT THE NEARBY RAND CORPORATION LABORATORY WHERE IT WAS HASTILY CREATED DUBBED IT AN ALPHA MAGNI-ILLUMINIZOR...
...BUT IT'S PURPOSE IS FAR SIMPLER THAN THE NAME IMPLIES.
HMMMMM
SPIDER-MAN-- WHO CONCEIVED THE IDEA AND DISPATCHED THE OTHERS TO SEE TO ITS COMPLETION-- CALLED IT, ONLY HALF-JOKINGLY...

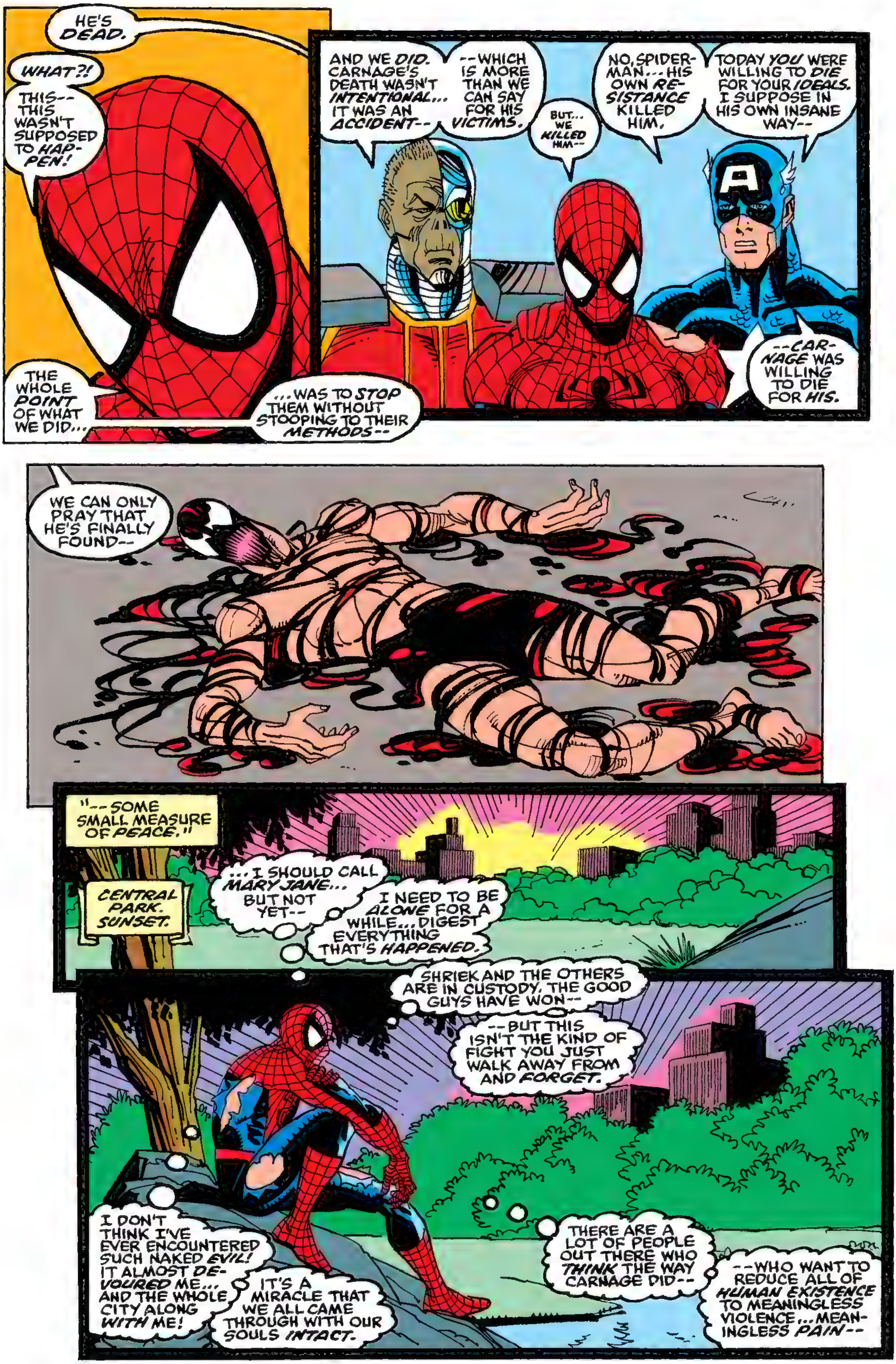

...A "GOOD BOMB."
THIS... THIS ENERGY...!
IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME!
I CAN'T CONTAIN IT!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME!
EARLIER, THE HEROES' VERY PRESENCE TOUCHED SOMETHING IN THE RIOTING CROWD --BREAKING SHRIEK'S PSYCHIC HOLD OVER THEM.
IF SHRIEK HADN'T RESPONDED WITH AN EVEN BIGGER MENTAL "PUSH" THE WAR WOULD HAVE BEEN WON-- THEN AND THERE.
SPIDER-MAN SAW THE SOLUTION THAT HIS ALLIES ENACT EVEN NOW: PUSH BACK--NOT WITH THE SHADOWS OF THE HEART... BUT WITH ALL THAT'S BEST, THAT'S HIGHEST, IN THE HUMAN SPIRIT.
PUSH BACK-- WITH THE SAME POWER IRON FIST TAPPED INTO, WHEN HE STILLED THE VIOLENT MOB*--THAT DAGGER RELEASED, WHEN SHE SOOTHED THE SOUL OF HER "MURDERER."
*IN SPIDER-MAN #37. --ROB
PUSH BACK--WITH A SOPHISTICATED BIO-FEEDBACK DEVICE THAT AMPLIFIES THE BRAIN'S CALMING ALPHA-WAVES--OVERRIDING SHRIEK'S TIDE OF INNER DARKNESS...
...WITH A COUNTER-TIDE OF INNER LIGHT!
A LIGHT THAT'S HAVING AN ASTONISHING EFFECT ON MALCOLM McBRIDE--DRIVING THE CARRION VIRUS FROM HIS BODY... AND RESTORING HIS HUMANITY!
FEELS LIKE EVERY CELL AND CIRCUIT IN MY HEAD IS GONNA BLOW APART!
OPEN YOURSELF TO ME, DEATHLOK! I CAN SHARE THE BURDEN WITH YOU!
WE BOTH CAN--BUT YOU'VE GOT TO HOLD ON!

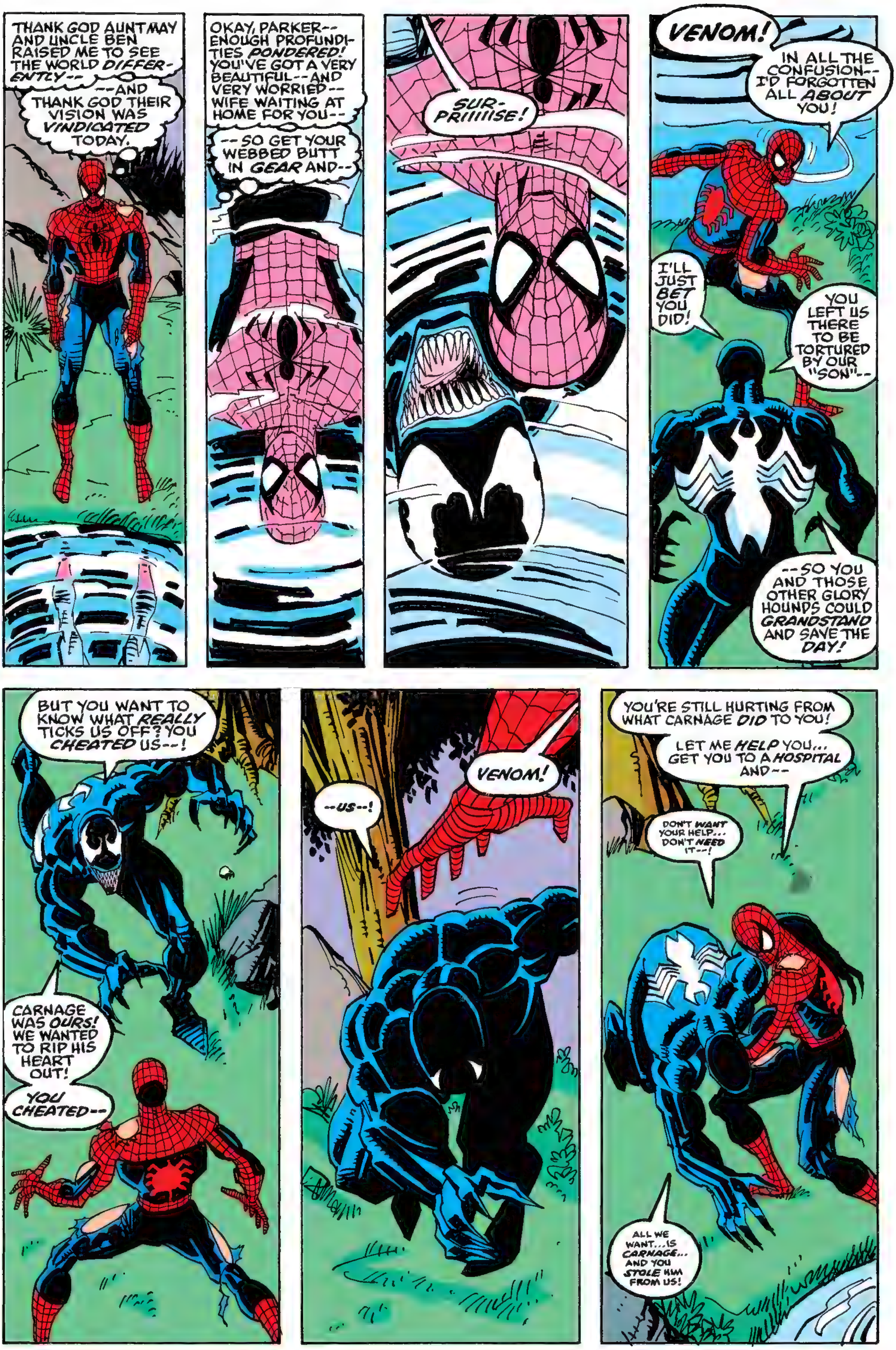

FEELING THE SLIGHTEST FLUCTUATION IN THE ALPHA-FIELD--
--DEMOGOBLIN CONCENTRATES-- USING ALL THE SUPERNATURAL POWERS AT HIS COMMAND--
--TO BREAK FREE!
THE TRUTH IS-- HE'S RUNNING FROM HIMSELF.
HE VIEWS HIMSELF AS AN AGENT OF HEAVEN, HIS VERY EXISTENCE DEVOTED TO THE EXTERMINATION OF SIN.
BUT A LIGHT HAS PIERCED HIS VEILS OF SELF-DECEPTION TODAY... ILLUMINATED--HOWEVER BRIEFLY--HIS DARK HEART... AND, AT LONG LAST--
THWIP
--HE SEES WHERE THE SIN TRULY LIES.
KOOM!
YOU DON'T THINK... I'D LET YOU GET AWAY... AFTER ALL I'VE BEEN THROUGH TODAY--!
DRY
YOU!
I MAY BE WEAK... FROM THAT ABOMINABLE DEVICE OF YOURS--
--BUT I'VE STILL GOT STRENGTH ENOUGH TO--
...TO...
...
HE'S DOWN-- AND A GOOD THING, TOO!
I'M SO BEATEN UP, HE COULD'VE TAKEN ME OUT JUST BY BREATHING ON ME!

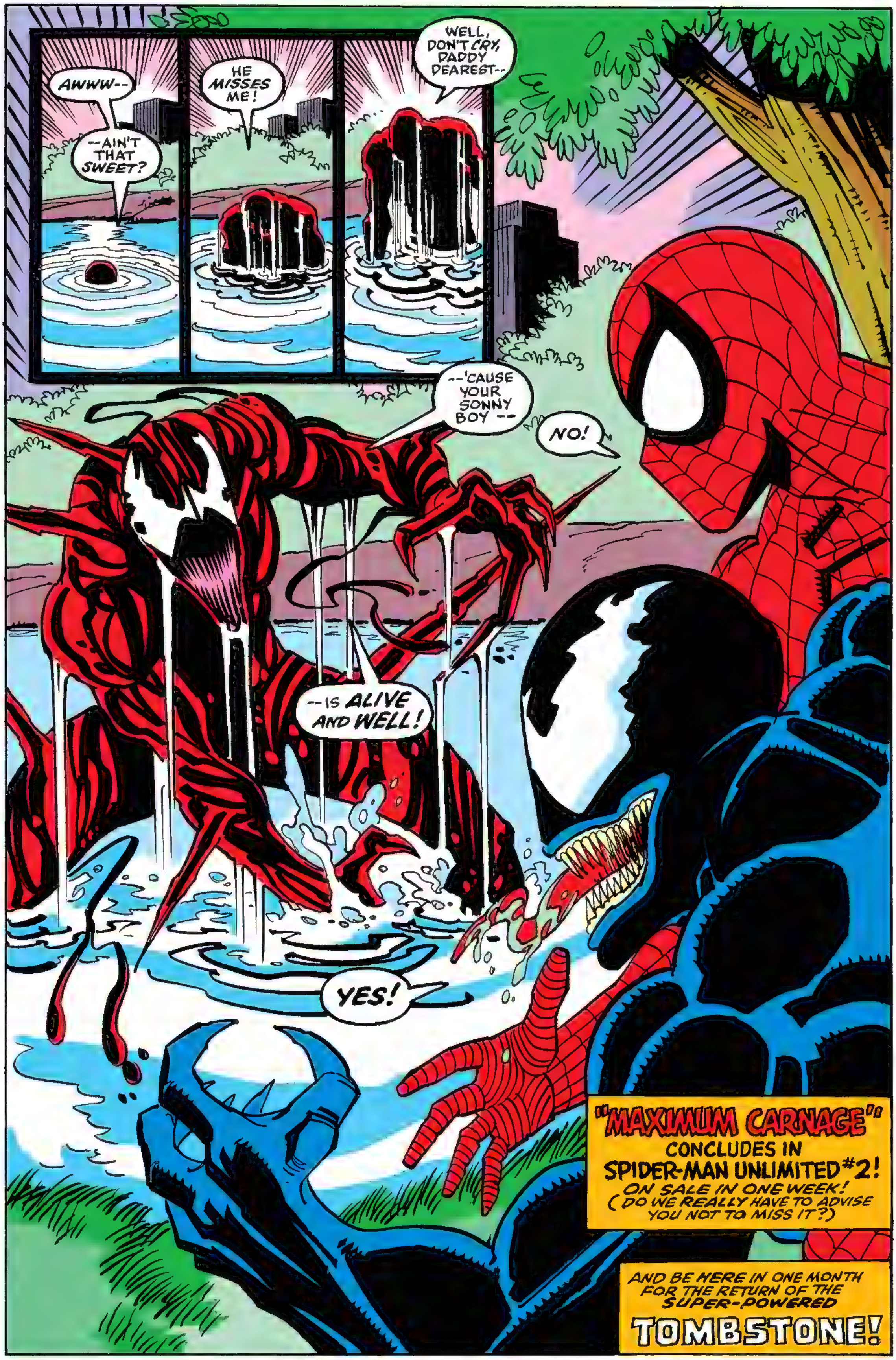

I-I'M... STARTING TO FEEL LIGHT-HEADED-- CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT--!
IT'S CARNAGE! HE'S FIGHTING THE WAVE!
YES! I CAN FEEL HIS MIND TEARING AT US! DESPERATE...FRIGHTENED! WE'VE GOT TO END THIS--SOON--OR--
OR WHAT?
OR HE'LL TAKE US ALL DOWN INTO MADNESS WITH HIM!
STOP THEM!
STOP THEM!
THEY'RE MAKING ME SEE THINGS... FEEL THINGS... THAT I DON'T WANT TO FEEL!
OH, GOD... IT HURTS!
CARNAGE... IT WON'T HURT...IF YOU STOP STRUGGLING AGAINST IT!
CAN'T YOU FEEL IT? THIS IS OUR CHANCE... TO BE SAVED! TO FIND... REDEMPTION--
YOU IDIOT!
THERE IS NO REDEMPTION!
ONLY LIES AND DEATH AND--
PAIN: IT'S ALL HE CAN REMEMBER. ALL HE'S EVER KNOWN.
NEVER A SOFT TOUCH, A KIND WORD. JUST ABUSE SO AWFUL, SO EVIL, THAT HE'S BANISHED IT FROM HIS CONSCIOUS MIND.
THE LIGHT SHINES INTO EVERY DARK CORNER OF CARNAGE'S TORTURED SOUL...OFFERING HEALING, OFFERING HOPE-- BUT, AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF LIVING IN A PITCH-BLACK HELL...
...THESE CONCEPTS ARE BEYOND HIS COMPREHENSION!

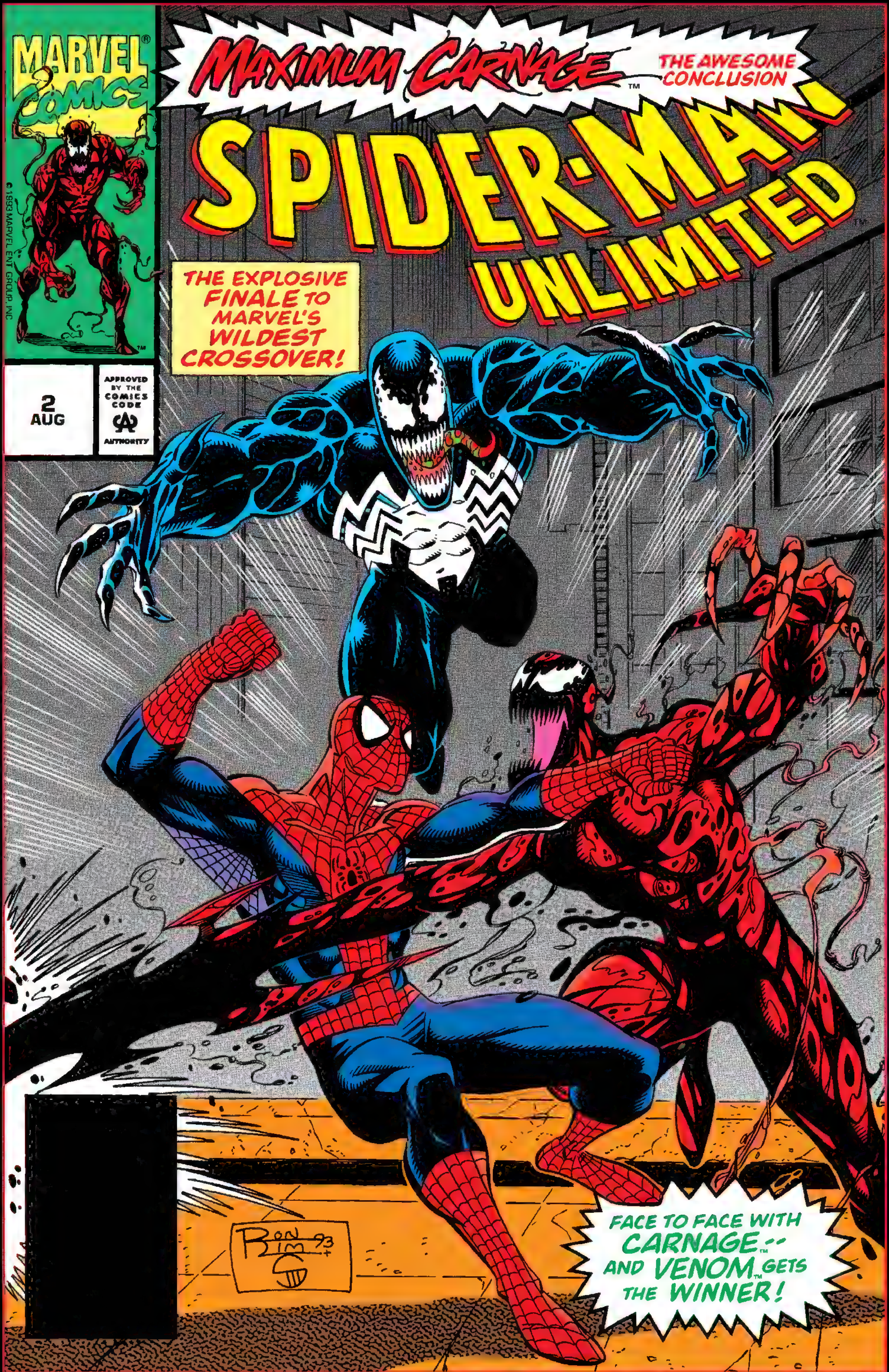

CLETUS... TAKE MY HAND--!
TOGETHER... WE CAN FIND--
FA-KA-THOOM!


--REDEMPTION--
IT'S OVER.
BUT-- THAT EXPLOSION--
IT WAS CARNAGE'S CONSCIOUSNESS STRUGGLING AGAINST THE WAVE! BOOSTED BY SHRIEK'S POWER, IT CAUSED A KIND OF... PSYCHIC FEEDBACK! BLEW THE ILLUMINIZOR RIGHT OUT--
--AND ALMOST TOOK US WITH IT!
WHAT ABOUT SHRIEK? HOW IS SHE?
JUST STUNNED. I... THINK WE ACTUALLY REACHED HER THERE--AT THE END--
AND I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO KEEP ON REACHING HER--
WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED? LAST THING I REMEMBER I WAS IN PROFESSOR WARREN'S LAB AND--
PLENTY OF TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS LATER, MALCOLM. RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOTTA GET YOU TO A DOCTOR--
--AND MAKE SURE THE CARRION VIRUS REALLY IS GONE!
SPIDER-MAN!
WHAT'S UP, FIST?
IT'S CARNAGE!
OUT LIKE A LIGHT, HUH?
IT'S A LITTLE MORE... SERIOUS THAN THAT.


HE'S *DEAD.*
WHAT?!
THIS-- THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO *HAPPEN!*
THE WHOLE *POINT* OF WHAT WE DID...
...WAS TO *STOP* THEM WITHOUT STOOPING TO THEIR *METHODS*--
AND WE *DID.* CARNAGE'S DEATH WASN'T *INTENTIONAL*... IT WAS AN *ACCIDENT*--
--WHICH IS MORE THAN WE CAN SAY FOR HIS *VICTIMS.*
BUT... WE *KILLED* HIM--
NO, SPIDER-MAN--HIS OWN *RESISTANCE* KILLED HIM.
TODAY *YOU* WERE WILLING TO *DIE* FOR YOUR *IDEALS.* I SUPPOSE IN HIS OWN INSANE WAY--
--*CARNAGE* WAS WILLING TO DIE FOR *HIS.*
WE CAN ONLY PRAY THAT HE'S FINALLY FOUND--
"--SOME SMALL MEASURE OF *PEACE.*"
CENTRAL PARK. SUNSET.
...I SHOULD CALL *MARY JANE*... BUT NOT YET--
I NEED TO BE *ALONE* FOR A WHILE... DIGEST EVERYTHING THAT'S *HAPPENED.*
SHRIEK AND THE OTHERS ARE IN CUSTODY. THE GOOD GUYS HAVE WON--
--BUT THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF FIGHT YOU JUST WALK AWAY FROM AND *FORGET.*
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED SUCH NAKED *EVIL!* IT ALMOST *DEVOURED* ME... AND THE WHOLE CITY ALONG *WITH* ME!
IT'S A MIRACLE THAT WE ALL CAME THROUGH WITH OUR SOULS *INTACT.*
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO *THINK* THE WAY CARNAGE DID--
--WHO WANT TO REDUCE ALL OF *HUMAN EXISTENCE* TO MEANINGLESS VIOLENCE... MEANINGLESS *PAIN*--


THANK GOD AUNT MAY AND UNCLE BEN RAISED ME TO SEE THE WORLD *DIFFERENTLY*--
--AND THANK GOD THEIR VISION WAS *VINDICATED* TODAY.
OKAY, PARKER--ENOUGH PROFUNDITIES *PONDERED!* YOU'VE GOT A VERY BEAUTIFUL--AND VERY WORRIED--WIFE WAITING AT HOME FOR YOU--
--SO GET YOUR WEBBED BUTT IN *GEAR* AND--
SURPRIIIIISE!
VENOM!
IN ALL THE CONFUSION--I'D FORGOTTEN ALL *ABOUT* YOU!
I'LL JUST *BET* YOU DID!
YOU LEFT US THERE TO BE TORTURED BY OUR "SON"--
--SO YOU AND THOSE OTHER GLORY HOUNDS COULD *GRANDSTAND* AND SAVE THE *DAY!*
BUT YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT *REALLY* TICKS US OFF? YOU *CHEATED* US--!
CARNAGE WAS *OURS!* WE WANTED TO RIP HIS HEART OUT!
YOU CHEATED--
--*US*--!
VENOM!
YOU'RE STILL HURTING FROM WHAT CARNAGE *DID* TO YOU!
LET ME *HELP* YOU... GET YOU TO A *HOSPITAL* AND--
DON'T *WANT* YOUR HELP... DON'T *NEED* IT--!
ALL WE WANT... IS *CARNAGE*... AND YOU *STOLE* HIM FROM US!


AWWW--
--AIN'T THAT SWEET?
HE MISSES ME!
WELL, DON'T CRY, DADDY DEAREST--
--'CAUSE YOUR SONNY BOY --
NO!
--IS ALIVE AND WELL!
YES!
"MAXIMUM CARNAGE" CONCLUDES IN SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #2! ON SALE IN ONE WEEK! (DO WE REALLY HAVE TO ADVISE YOU NOT TO MISS IT?)
AND BE HERE IN ONE MONTH FOR THE RETURN OF THE SUPER-POWERED TOMBSTONE!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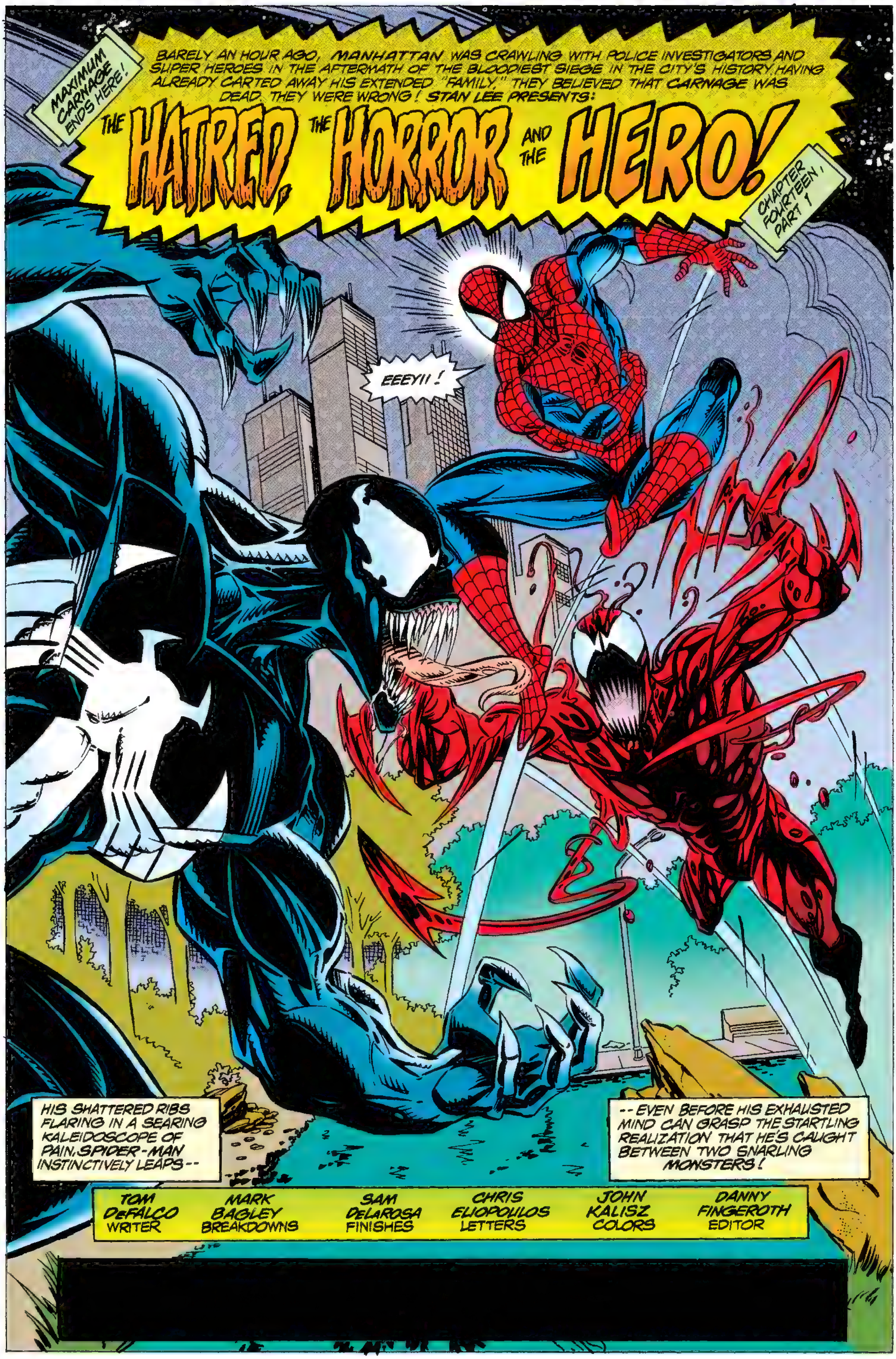
MAXIMUM CARNAGE ENDS HERE!
BARELY AN HOUR AGO, MANHATTAN WAS CRAWLING WITH POLICE INVESTIGATORS AND SUPER HEROES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BLOODIEST SIEGE IN THE CITY'S HISTORY. HAVING ALREADY CARTED AWAY HIS EXTENDED "FAMILY," THEY BELIEVED THAT CARNAGE WAS DEAD. THEY WERE WRONG! STAN LEE PRESENTS:
THE HATRED, THE HORROR AND THE HERO!
CHAPTER FOURTEEN, PART 1
EEEYII!
HIS SHATTERED RIBS FLARING IN A SEARING KALEIDOSCOPE OF PAIN, SPIDER-MAN INSTINCTIVELY LEAPS--
--EVEN BEFORE HIS EXHAUSTED MIND CAN GRASP THE STARTLING REALIZATION THAT HE'S CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO SNARLING MONSTERS!
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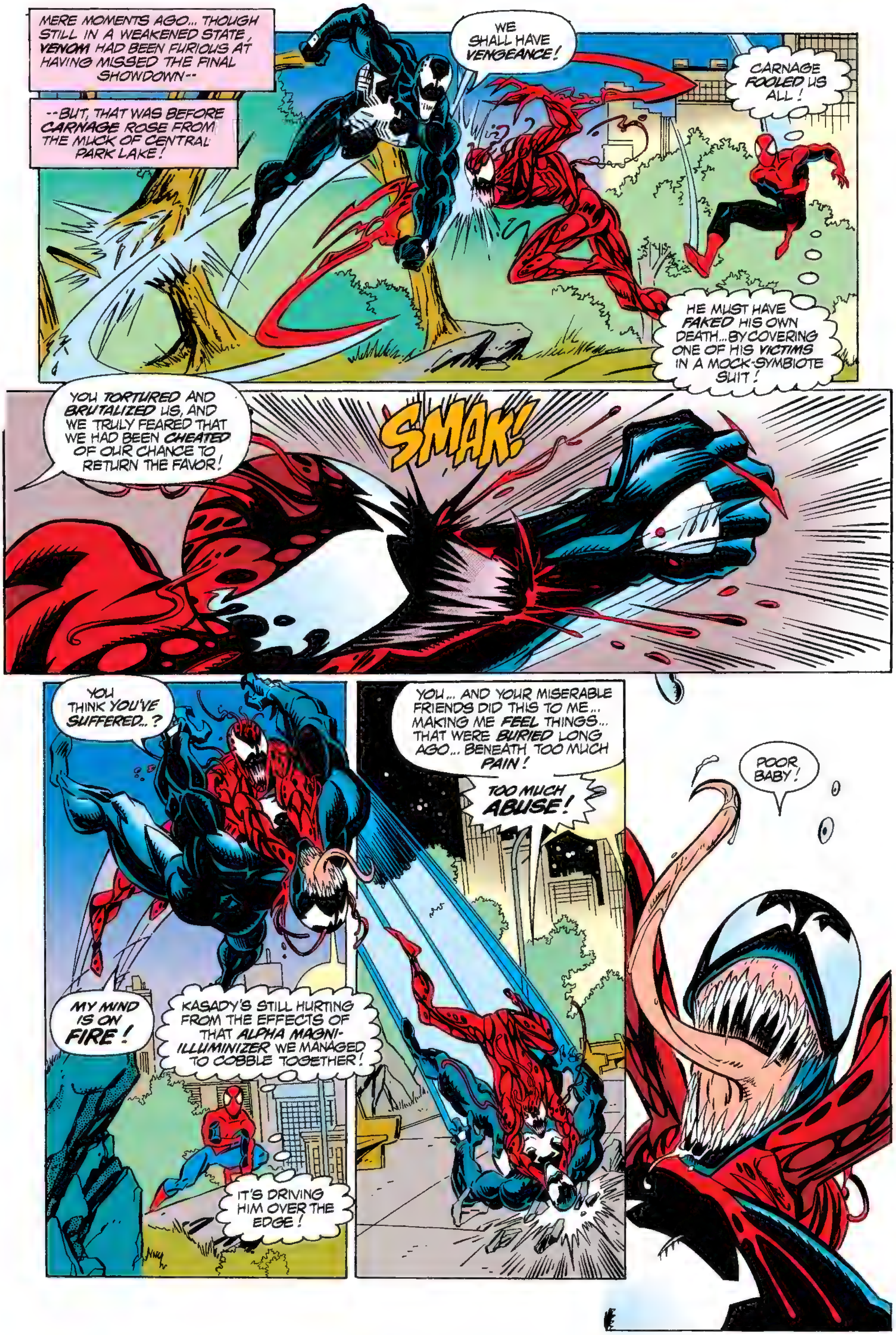
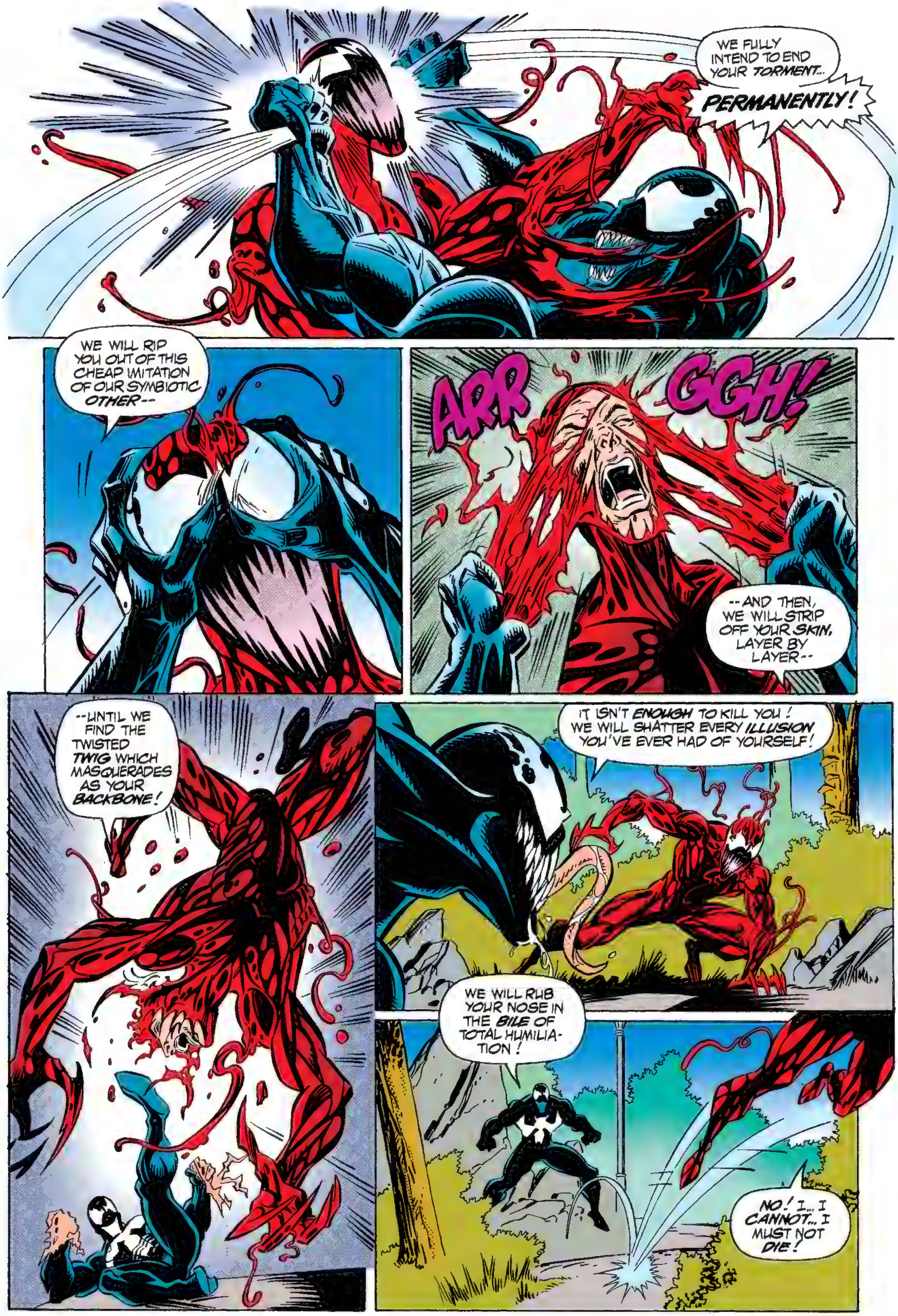
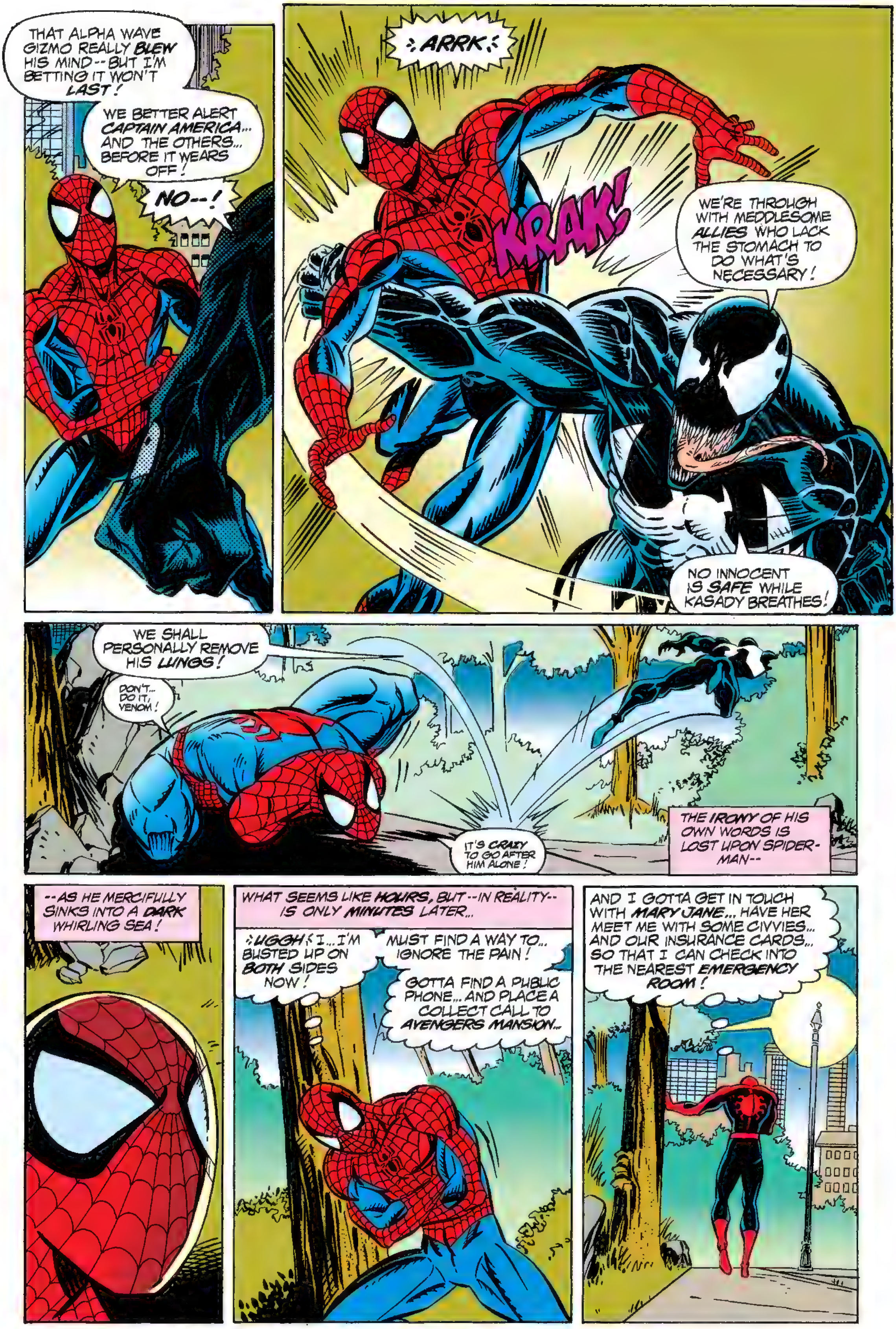
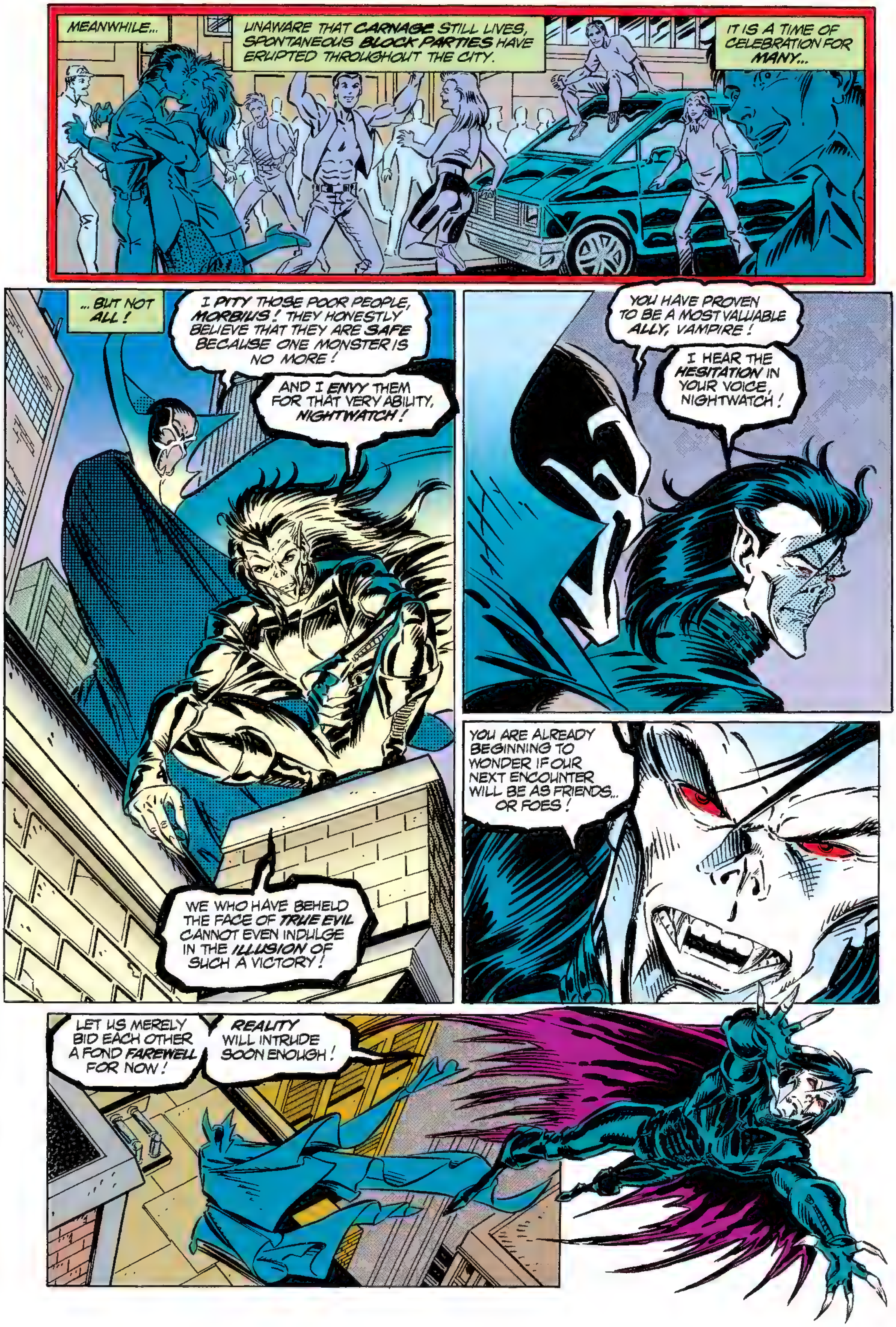
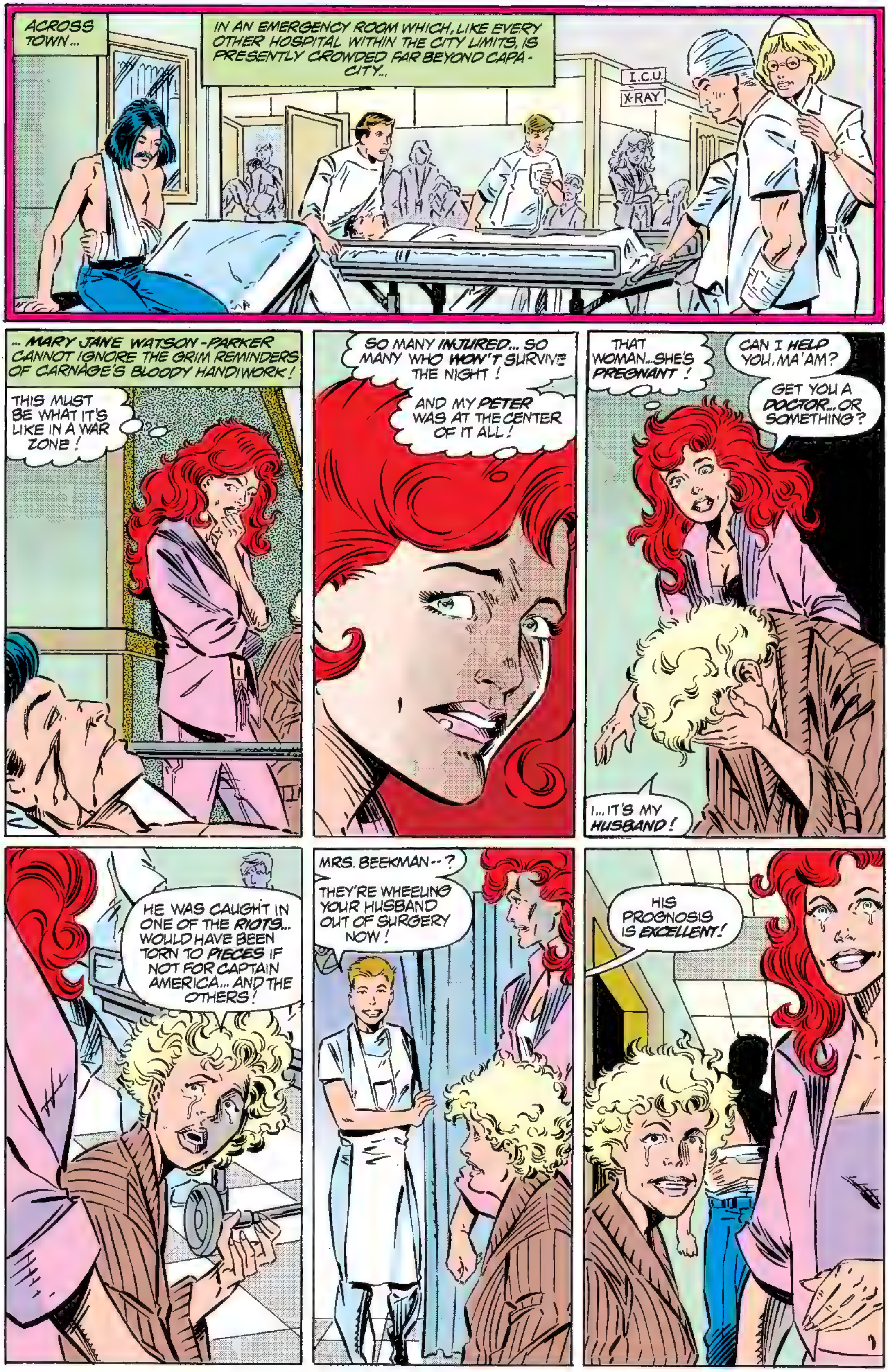
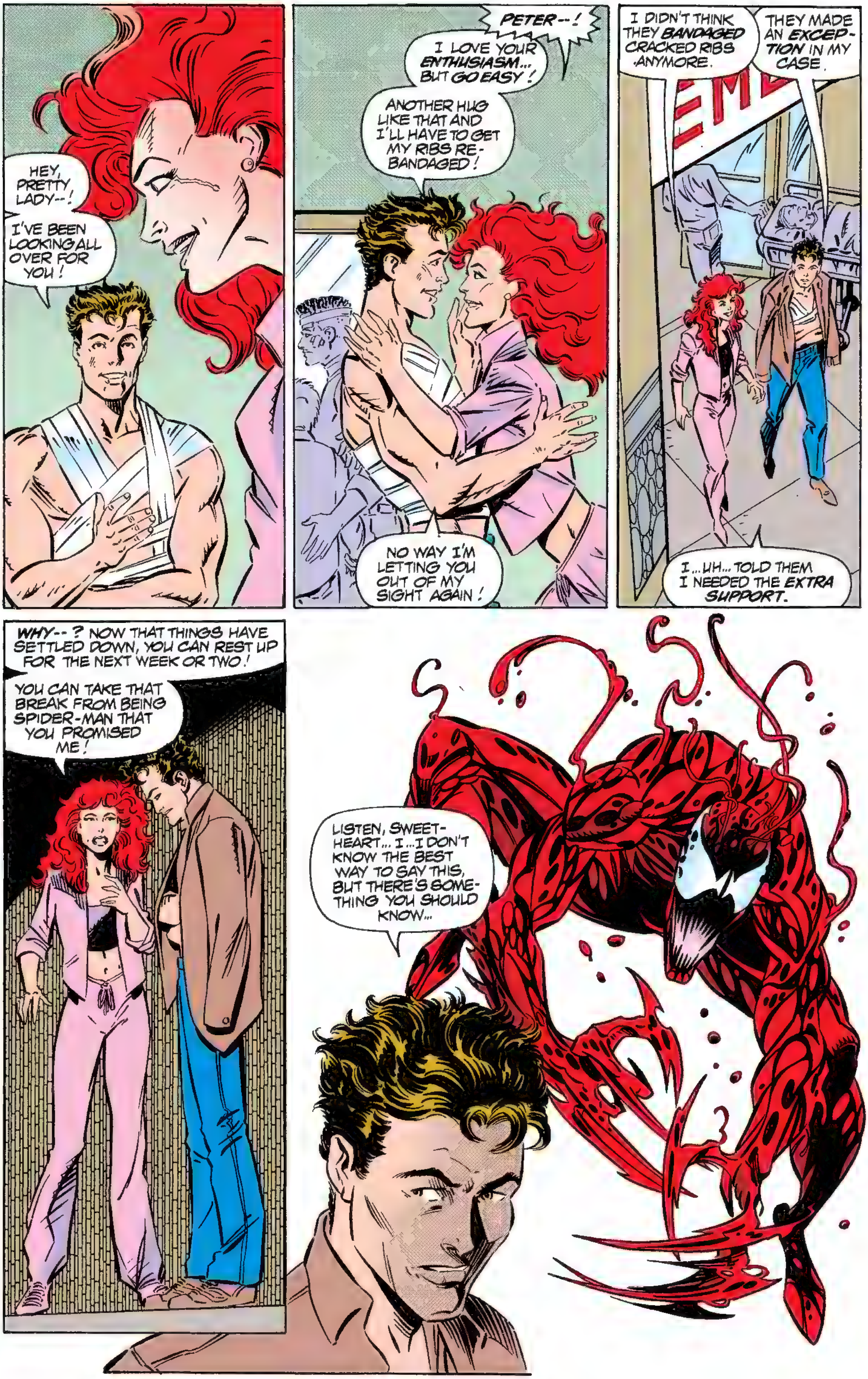

MERE MOMENTS AGO... THOUGH STILL IN A WEAKENED STATE, VENOM HAD BEEN FURIOUS AT HAVING MISSED THE FINAL SHOWDOWN--
--BUT, THAT WAS BEFORE CARNAGE ROSE FROM THE MUCK OF CENTRAL PARK LAKE!
WE SHALL HAVE VENGEANCE!
CARNAGE FOOLED US ALL!
HE MUST HAVE FAKED HIS OWN DEATH... BY COVERING ONE OF HIS VICTIMS IN A MOCK-SYMBIOTE SUIT!
YOU TORTURED AND BRUTALIZED US, AND WE TRULY FEARED THAT WE HAD BEEN CHEATED OF OUR CHANCE TO RETURN THE FAVOR!
SMAK!
YOU THINK YOU'VE SUFFERED..?
MY MIND IS ON FIRE!
KASADY'S STILL HURTING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THAT ALPHA MAGNI-ILLUMINIZER WE MANAGED TO COBBLE TOGETHER!
IT'S DRIVING HIM OVER THE EDGE!
YOU... AND YOUR MISERABLE FRIENDS DID THIS TO ME... MAKING ME FEEL THINGS... THAT WERE BURIED LONG AGO... BENEATH TOO MUCH PAIN!
TOO MUCH ABUSE!
POOR BABY!

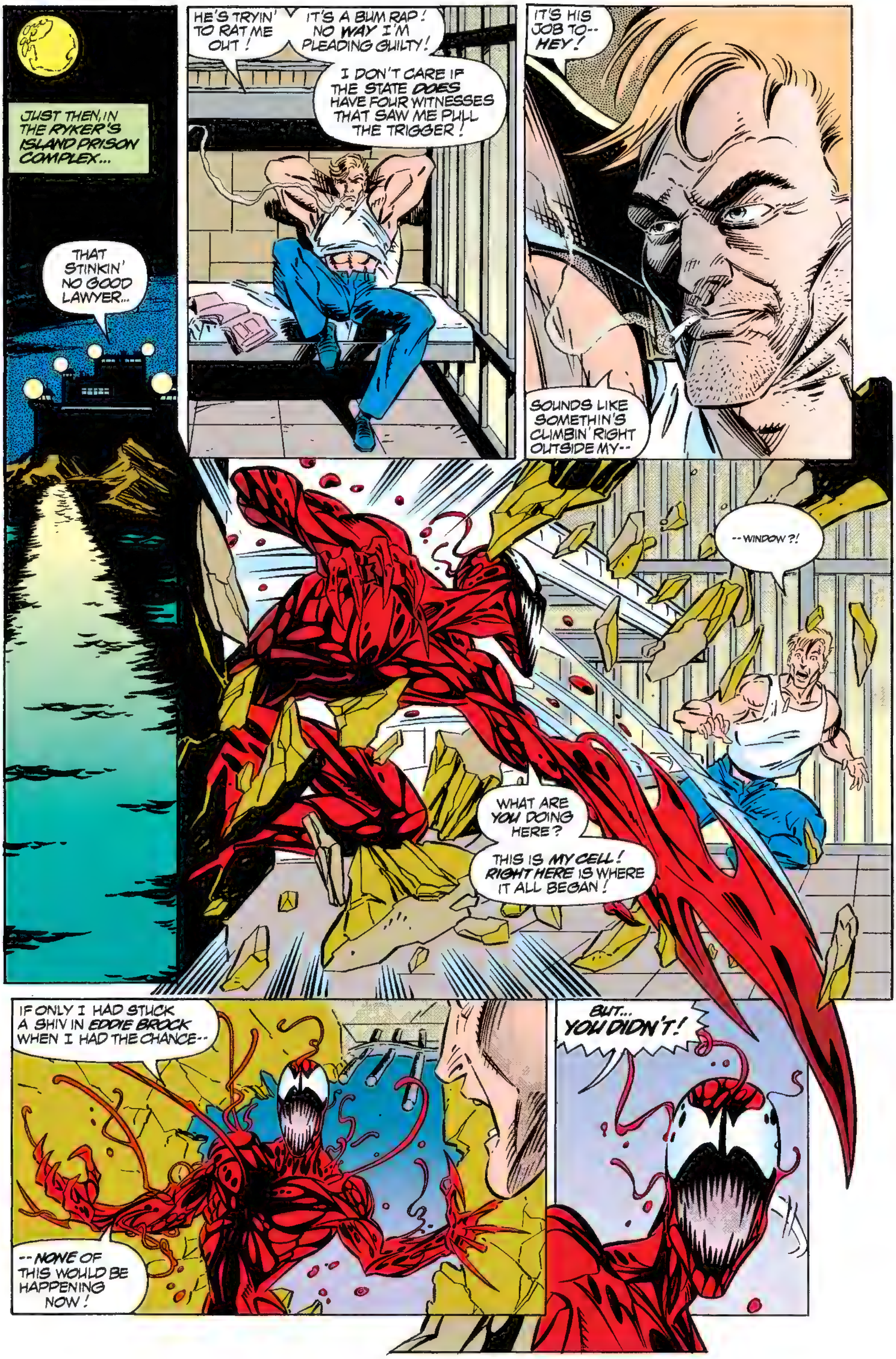

WE FULLY INTEND TO END YOUR *TORMENT*...
PERMANENTLY!
WE WILL RIP YOU OUT OF THIS CHEAP IMITATION OF OUR SYMBIOTIC *OTHER*--
ARRGGH!
--AND THEN, WE WILL STRIP OFF YOUR *SKIN*, LAYER BY LAYER--
--UNTIL WE FIND THE TWISTED *TWIG* WHICH MASQUERADES AS YOUR *BACKBONE!*
IT ISN'T *ENOUGH* TO KILL YOU! WE WILL SHATTER EVERY *ILLUSION* YOU'VE EVER HAD OF YOURSELF!
WE WILL RUB YOUR NOSE IN THE *BILE* OF TOTAL HUMILIATION!
NO! I... I *CANNOT*... I MUST NOT *DIE!*

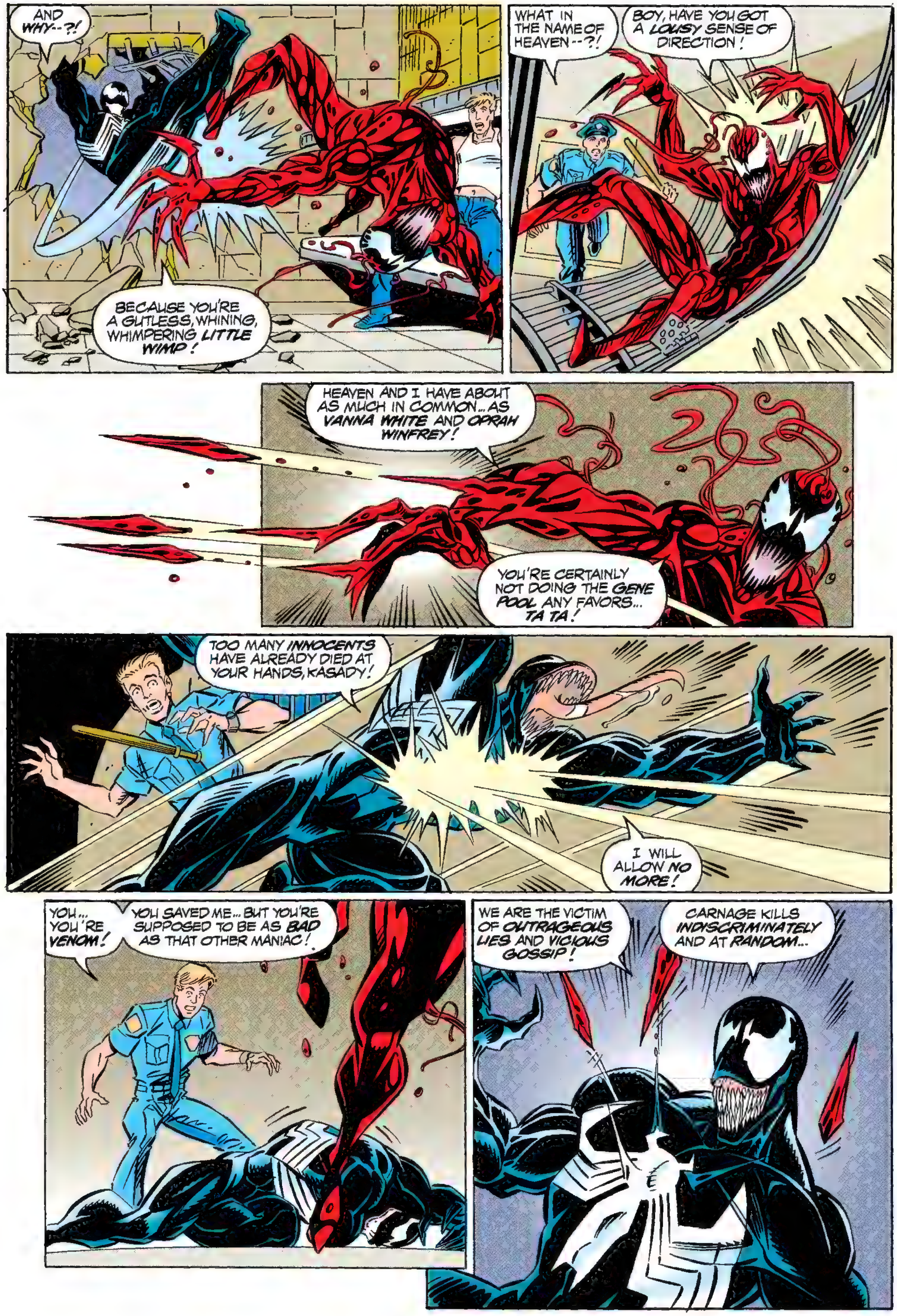

THAT ALPHA WAVE GIZMO REALLY *BLEW* HIS MIND--BUT I'M BETTING IT WON'T *LAST*!
WE BETTER ALERT *CAPTAIN AMERICA*... AND THE OTHERS... BEFORE IT WEARS OFF!
NO--!
:ARRK:
KRAK!
WE'RE THROUGH WITH MEDDLESOME *ALLIES* WHO LACK THE STOMACH TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY!
NO INNOCENT IS *SAFE* WHILE KASADY BREATHES!
WE SHALL PERSONALLY REMOVE HIS *LUNGS*!
DON'T... DO IT, VENOM!
IT'S *CRAZY* TO GO AFTER HIM ALONE!
THE *IRONY* OF HIS OWN WORDS IS LOST UPON SPIDER-MAN--
--AS HE MERCIFULLY SINKS INTO A *DARK* WHIRLING SEA!
WHAT SEEMS LIKE *HOURS*, BUT--IN REALITY--IS ONLY *MINUTES* LATER...
:*UGGH*: I...I'M BUSTED UP ON *BOTH* SIDES NOW!
MUST FIND A WAY TO... IGNORE THE PAIN!
GOTTA FIND A PUBLIC PHONE... AND PLACE A COLLECT CALL TO *AVENGERS MANSION*...
AND I GOTTA GET IN TOUCH WITH *MARY JANE*... HAVE HER MEET ME WITH SOME CIVVIES... AND OUR INSURANCE CARDS... SO THAT I CAN CHECK INTO THE NEAREST *EMERGENCY ROOM*!

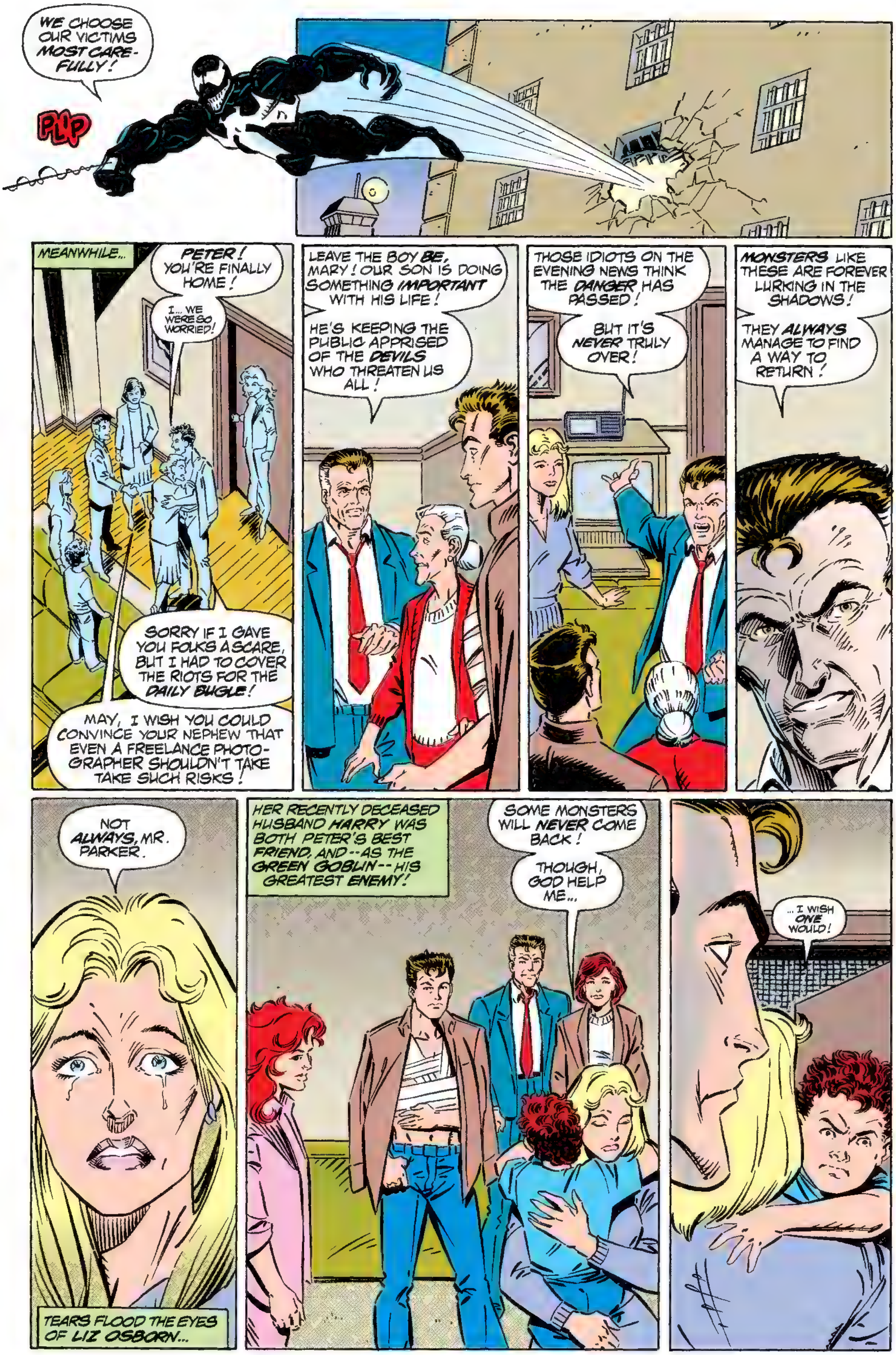

MEANWHILE...
UNAWARE THAT **CARNAGE** STILL LIVES, SPONTANEOUS **BLOCK PARTIES** HAVE ERUPTED THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
IT IS A TIME OF CELEBRATION FOR **MANY**...
...BUT NOT **ALL**!
I PITY THOSE POOR PEOPLE, **MORBIUS**! THEY HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE **SAFE** BECAUSE ONE MONSTER IS NO MORE!
AND I **ENVY** THEM FOR THAT VERY ABILITY, **NIGHTWATCH**!
WE WHO HAVE BEHELD THE FACE OF **TRUE EVIL** CANNOT EVEN INDULGE IN THE **ILLUSION** OF SUCH A VICTORY!
YOU HAVE PROVEN TO BE A MOST VALUABLE **ALLY**, VAMPIRE!
I HEAR THE **HESITATION** IN YOUR VOICE, NIGHTWATCH!
YOU ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO WONDER IF OUR NEXT ENCOUNTER WILL BE AS FRIENDS... OR FOES!
LET US MERELY BID EACH OTHER A FOND **FAREWELL** FOR NOW!
REALITY WILL INTRUDE SOON ENOUGH!

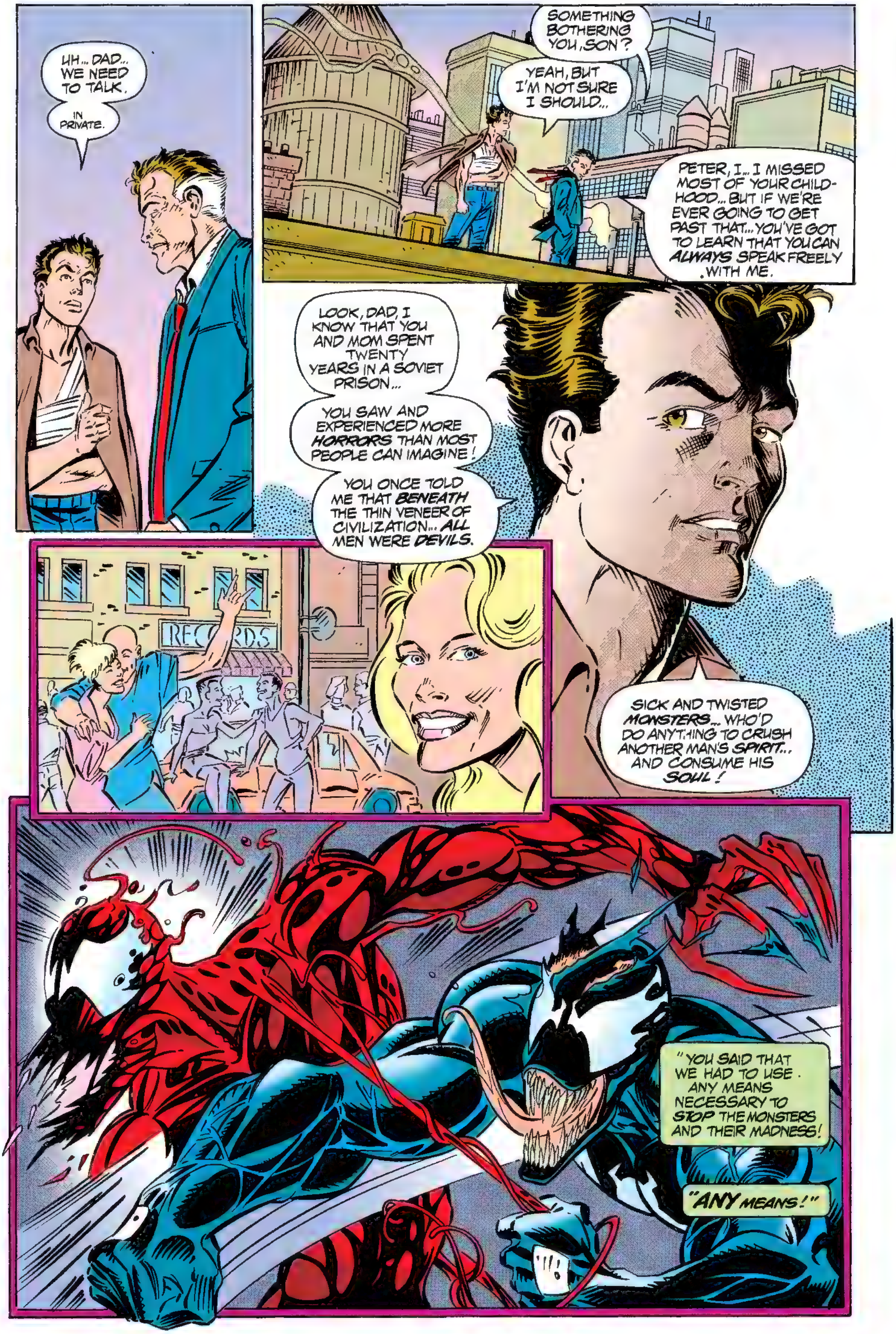

ACROSS TOWN...
IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM WHICH, LIKE EVERY OTHER HOSPITAL WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, IS PRESENTLY CROWDED FAR BEYOND CAPACITY...
I.C.U.
X-RAY
... MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER CANNOT IGNORE THE GRIM REMINDERS OF CARNAGE'S BLOODY HANDIWORK!
THIS MUST BE WHAT IT'S LIKE IN A WAR ZONE!
SO MANY INJURED... SO MANY WHO WON'T SURVIVE THE NIGHT!
AND MY PETER WAS AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL!
THAT WOMAN...SHE'S PREGNANT!
CAN I HELP YOU, MA'AM?
GET YOU A DOCTOR...OR SOMETHING?
I... IT'S MY HUSBAND!
HE WAS CAUGHT IN ONE OF THE RIOTS... WOULD HAVE BEEN TORN TO PIECES IF NOT FOR CAPTAIN AMERICA... AND THE OTHERS!
MRS. BEEKMAN--?
THEY'RE WHEELING YOUR HUSBAND OUT OF SURGERY NOW!
HIS PROGNOSIS IS EXCELLENT!

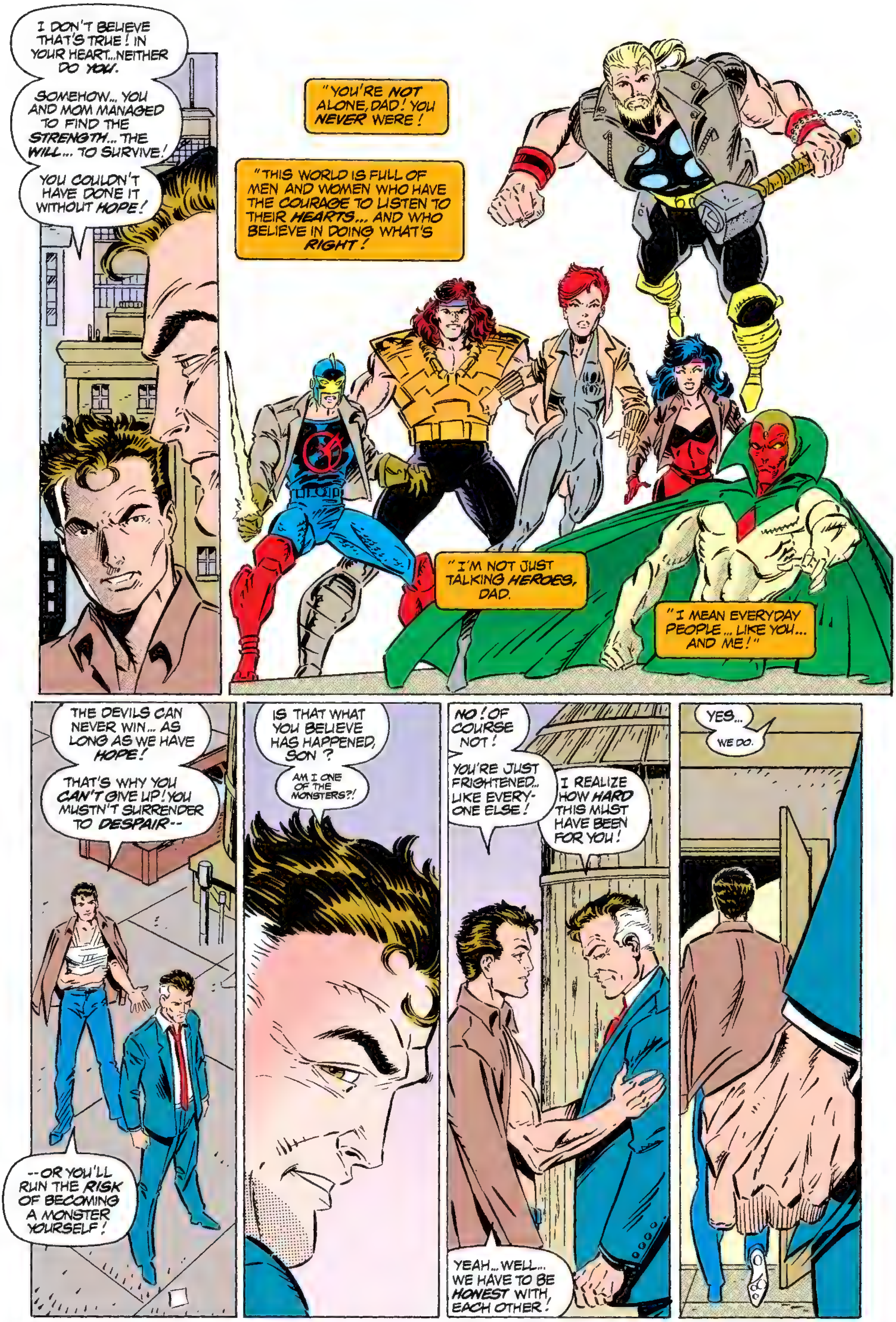

HEY, PRETTY LADY--!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!
PETER--!
I LOVE YOUR ENTHUSIASM... BUT GO EASY!
ANOTHER HUG LIKE THAT AND I'LL HAVE TO GET MY RIBS RE-BANDAGED!
NO WAY I'M LETTING YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT AGAIN!
I DIDN'T THINK THEY BANDAGED CRACKED RIBS ANYMORE.
THEY MADE AN EXCEPTION IN MY CASE.
I...UH...TOLD THEM I NEEDED THE EXTRA SUPPORT.
WHY--? NOW THAT THINGS HAVE SETTLED DOWN, YOU CAN REST UP FOR THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO!
YOU CAN TAKE THAT BREAK FROM BEING SPIDER-MAN THAT YOU PROMISED ME!
LISTEN, SWEETHEART... I...I DON'T KNOW THE BEST WAY TO SAY THIS, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW...

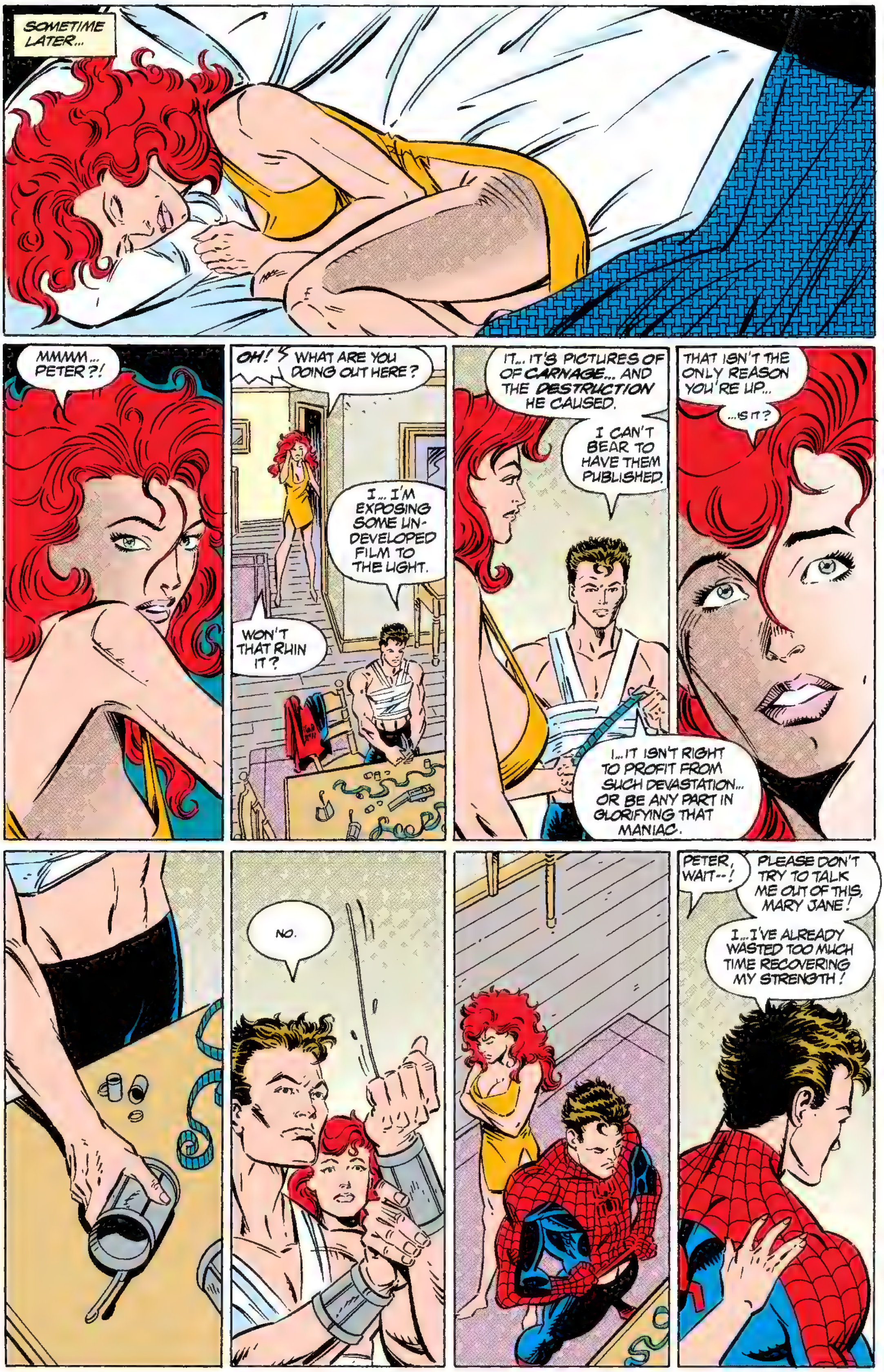

JUST THEN, IN THE RYKER'S ISLAND PRISON COMPLEX...
THAT STINKIN' NO GOOD LAWYER...
HE'S TRYIN' TO RAT ME OUT!
IT'S A BUM RAP! NO WAY I'M PLEADING GUILTY!
I DON'T CARE IF THE STATE DOES HAVE FOUR WITNESSES THAT SAW ME PULL THE TRIGGER!
IT'S HIS JOB TO-- HEY!
SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHIN'S CLIMBIN' RIGHT OUTSIDE MY--
--WINDOW?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
THIS IS MY CELL! RIGHT HERE IS WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!
IF ONLY I HAD STUCK A SHIV IN EDDIE BROCK WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE--
--NONE OF THIS WOULD BE HAPPENING NOW!
BUT... YOU DIDN'T!

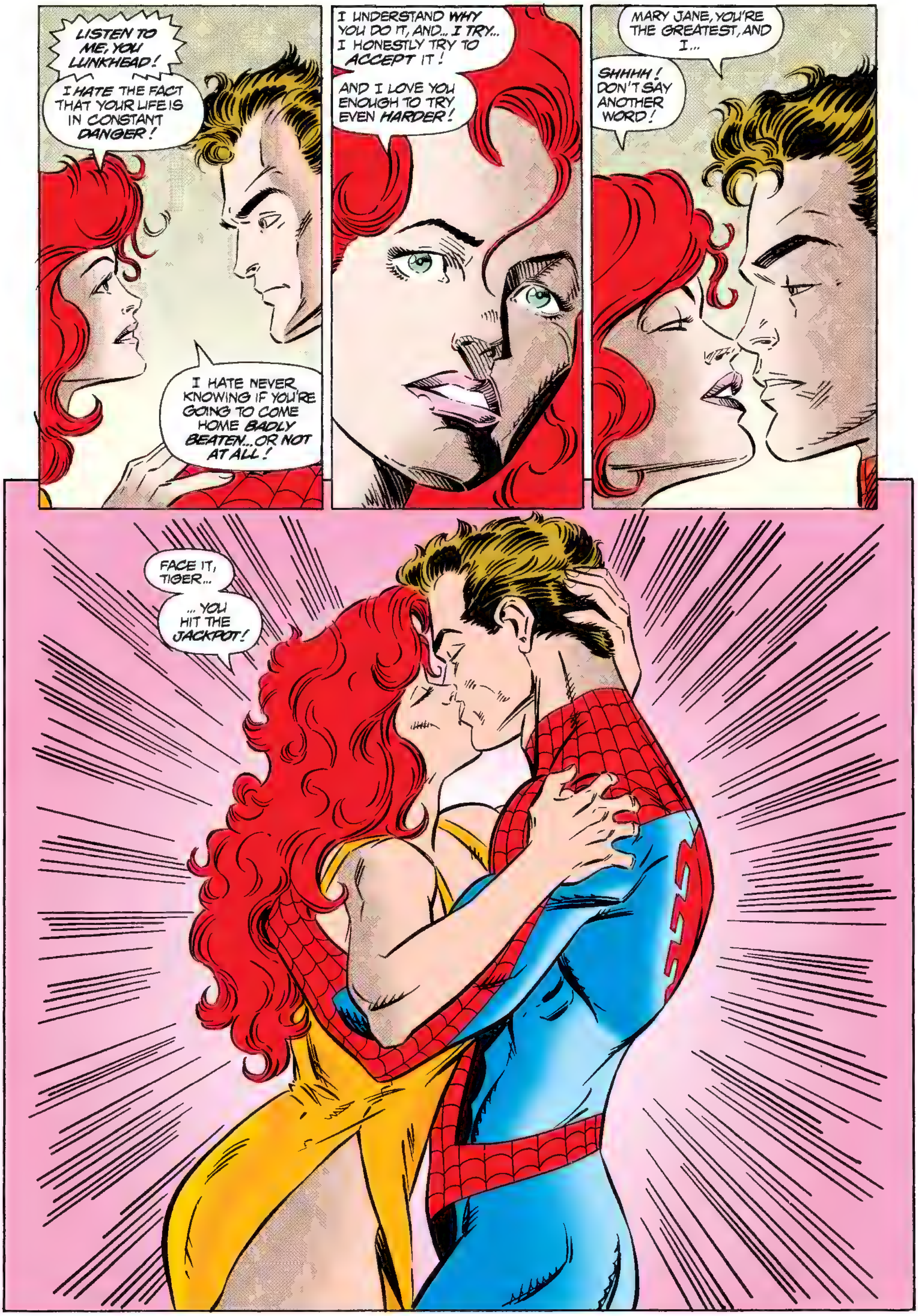

AND *WHY*--?!
BECAUSE YOU'RE A GUTLESS, WHINING, WHIMPERING *LITTLE WIMP*!
WHAT IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN--?!
BOY, HAVE YOU GOT A *LOUSY* SENSE OF DIRECTION!
HEAVEN AND I HAVE ABOUT AS MUCH IN COMMON... AS *VANNA WHITE* AND *OPRAH WINFREY*!
YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT DOING THE *GENE POOL* ANY FAVORS... *TA TA*!
TOO MANY *INNOCENTS* HAVE ALREADY DIED AT YOUR HANDS, KASADY!
I WILL ALLOW *NO MORE*!
YOU... YOU'RE *VENOM*!
YOU SAVED ME... BUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AS *BAD* AS THAT OTHER MANIAC!
WE ARE THE VICTIM OF *OUTRAGEOUS LIES* AND *VICIOUS GOSSIP*!
CARNAGE KILLS *INDISCRIMINATELY* AND AT *RANDOM*...

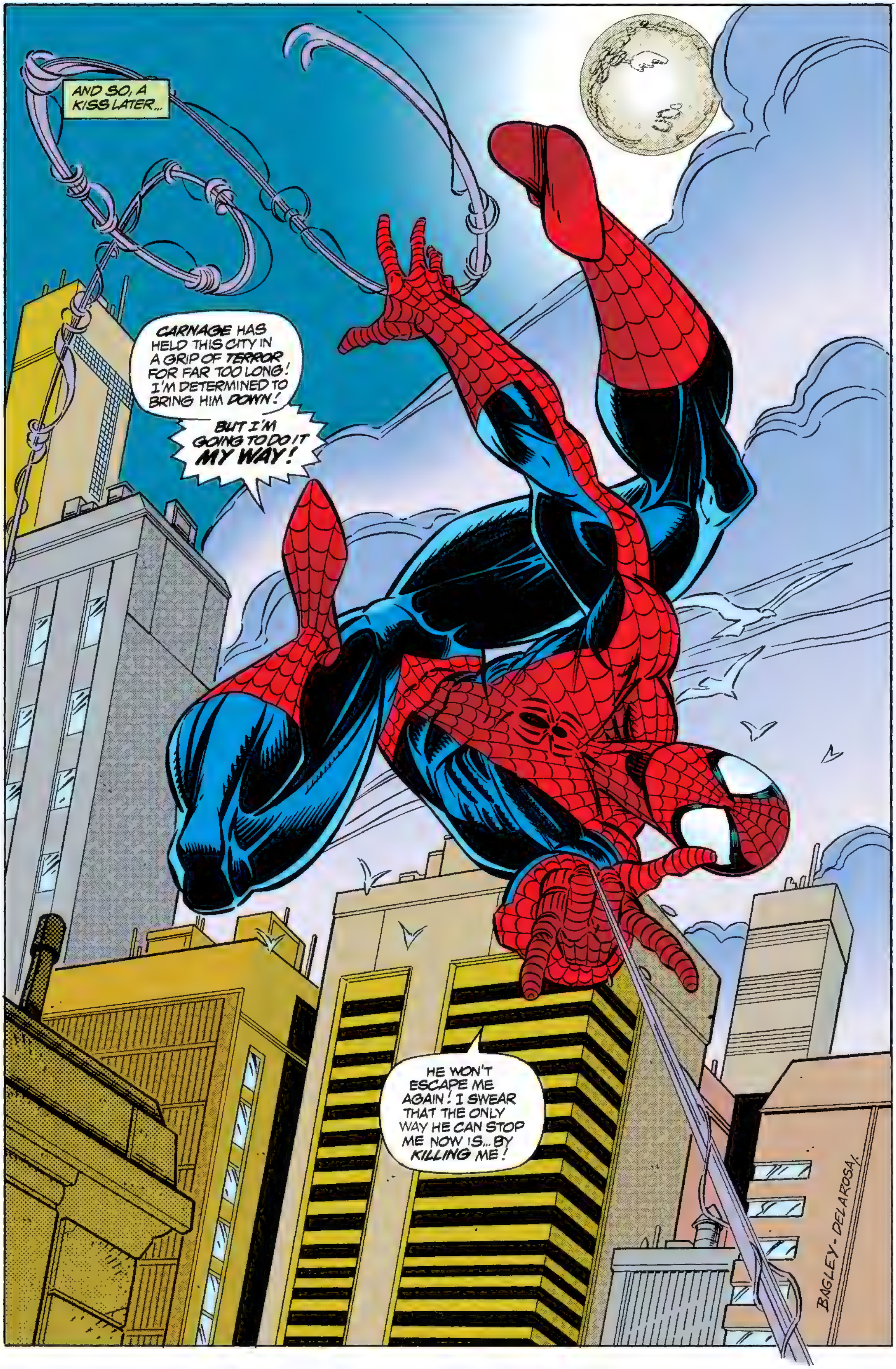

WE CHOOSE OUR VICTIMS MOST CAREFULLY!
PLIP
MEANWHILE...
PETER! YOU'RE FINALLY HOME!
I... WE WERE SO WORRIED!
SORRY IF I GAVE YOU FOLKS A SCARE, BUT I HAD TO COVER THE RIOTS FOR THE DAILY BUGLE!
MAY, I WISH YOU COULD CONVINCE YOUR NEPHEW THAT EVEN A FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER SHOULDN'T TAKE SUCH RISKS!
LEAVE THE BOY BE, MARY! OUR SON IS DOING SOMETHING IMPORTANT WITH HIS LIFE!
HE'S KEEPING THE PUBLIC APPRISED OF THE DEVILS WHO THREATEN US ALL!
THOSE IDIOTS ON THE EVENING NEWS THINK THE DANGER HAS PASSED!
BUT IT'S NEVER TRULY OVER!
MONSTERS LIKE THESE ARE FOREVER LURKING IN THE SHADOWS!
THEY ALWAYS MANAGE TO FIND A WAY TO RETURN!
NOT ALWAYS, MR. PARKER.
TEARS FLOOD THE EYES OF LIZ OSBORN...
HER RECENTLY DECEASED HUSBAND HARRY WAS BOTH PETER'S BEST FRIEND AND--AS THE GREEN GOBLIN--HIS GREATEST ENEMY!
SOME MONSTERS WILL NEVER COME BACK!
THOUGH, GOD HELP ME...
...I WISH ONE WOULD!

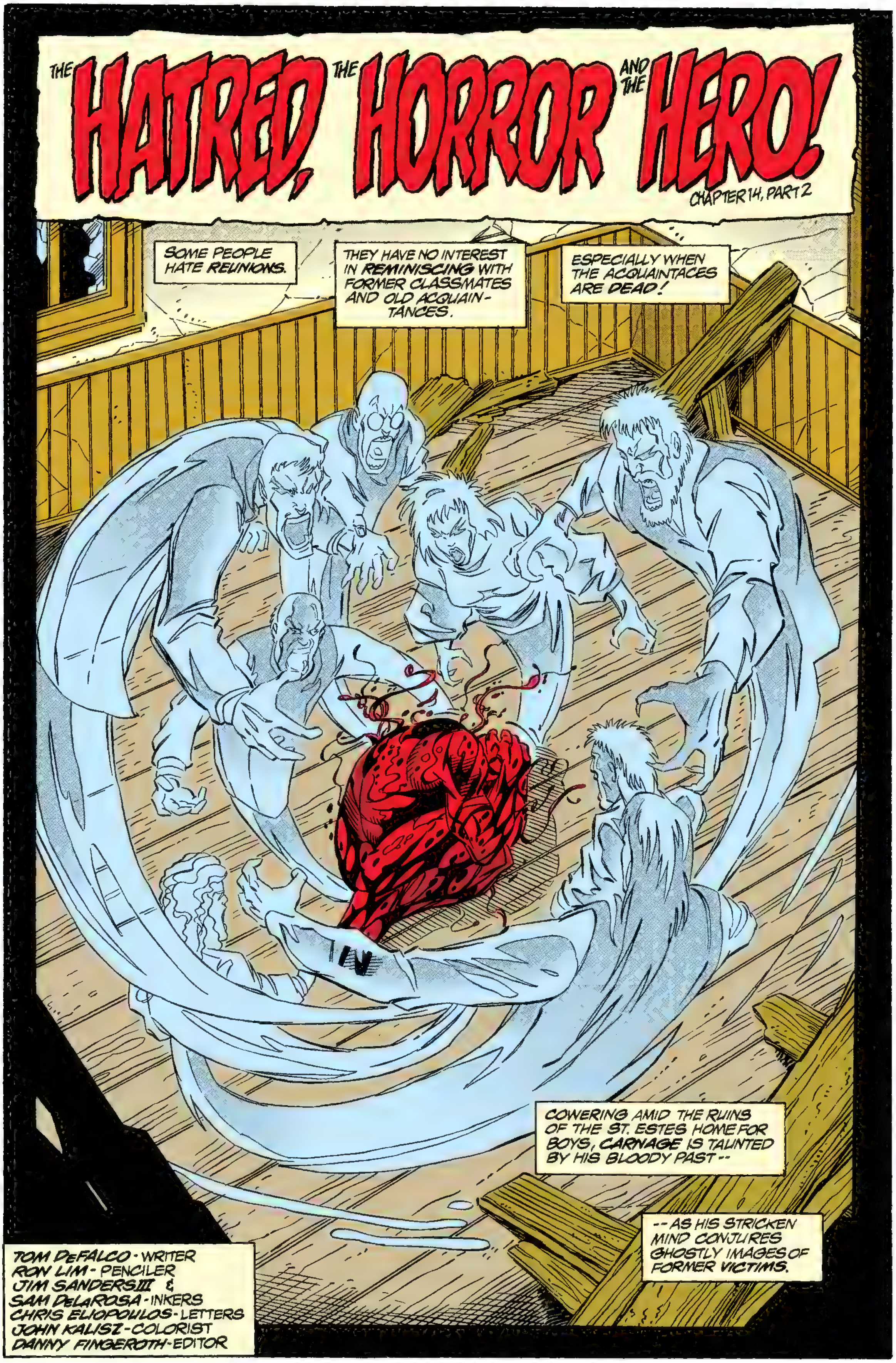

UH... DAD... WE NEED TO TALK.
IN PRIVATE.
SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU, SON?
YEAH, BUT I'M NOT SURE I SHOULD...
PETER, I... I MISSED MOST OF YOUR CHILDHOOD... BUT IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO GET PAST THAT... YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN THAT YOU CAN *ALWAYS* SPEAK FREELY WITH ME.
LOOK, DAD, I KNOW THAT YOU AND MOM SPENT TWENTY YEARS IN A SOVIET PRISON...
YOU SAW AND EXPERIENCED MORE *HORRORS* THAN MOST PEOPLE CAN IMAGINE!
YOU ONCE TOLD ME THAT *BENEATH* THE THIN VENEER OF CIVILIZATION... *ALL* MEN WERE *DEVILS*.
RECORDS
SICK AND TWISTED *MONSTERS*... WHO'D DO ANYTHING TO CRUSH ANOTHER MAN'S *SPIRIT*... AND CONSUME HIS *SOUL*!
"YOU SAID THAT WE HAD TO USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO *STOP* THE MONSTERS AND THEIR MADNESS!
"*ANY* MEANS!"


I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S TRUE! IN YOUR HEART...NEITHER DO *YOU*.
SOMEHOW... YOU AND MOM MANAGED TO FIND THE *STRENGTH*... THE *WILL*... TO SURVIVE!
YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT *HOPE!*
"YOU'RE *NOT* ALONE, DAD! YOU *NEVER* WERE!
"THIS WORLD IS FULL OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE THE *COURAGE* TO LISTEN TO THEIR *HEARTS*... AND WHO BELIEVE IN DOING WHAT'S *RIGHT!*
"I'M NOT JUST TALKING *HEROES*, DAD.
"I MEAN EVERYDAY PEOPLE... LIKE YOU... AND ME!"
THE DEVILS CAN NEVER WIN... AS LONG AS WE HAVE *HOPE!*
THAT'S WHY YOU *CAN'T* GIVE UP! YOU MUSTN'T SURRENDER TO *DESPAIR*--
--OR YOU'LL RUN THE *RISK* OF BECOMING A MONSTER YOURSELF!
IS THAT WHAT YOU BELIEVE HAS HAPPENED, SON?
AM I ONE OF THE MONSTERS?!
NO! OF COURSE NOT!
YOU'RE JUST FRIGHTENED... LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!
I REALIZE HOW *HARD* THIS MUST HAVE BEEN FOR YOU!
YEAH... WELL... WE HAVE TO BE *HONEST* WITH EACH OTHER!
YES...
WE DO.


SOMETIME LATER...
MMMM... PETER?!
OH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
I... I'M EXPOSING SOME UN-DEVELOPED FILM TO THE LIGHT.
WON'T THAT RUIN IT?
IT... IT'S PICTURES OF OF CARNAGE... AND THE DESTRUCTION HE CAUSED.
I CAN'T BEAR TO HAVE THEM PUBLISHED.
I... IT ISN'T RIGHT TO PROFIT FROM SUCH DEVASTATION... OR BE ANY PART IN GLORIFYING THAT MANIAC.
THAT ISN'T THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE UP...
...IS IT?
NO.
PETER, WAIT--!
PLEASE DON'T TRY TO TALK ME OUT OF THIS, MARY JANE!
I...I'VE ALREADY WASTED TOO MUCH TIME RECOVERING MY STRENGTH!


LISTEN TO ME, YOU LUNKHEAD!
I HATE THE FACT THAT YOUR LIFE IS IN CONSTANT DANGER!
I HATE NEVER KNOWING IF YOU'RE GOING TO COME HOME BADLY BEATEN...OR NOT AT ALL!
I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DO IT, AND... I TRY... I HONESTLY TRY TO ACCEPT IT!
AND I LOVE YOU ENOUGH TO TRY EVEN HARDER!
MARY JANE, YOU'RE THE GREATEST, AND I...
SHHHH! DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD!
FACE IT, TIGER...
...YOU HIT THE JACKPOT!


AND SO, A KISS LATER...
CARNAGE HAS HELD THIS CITY IN A GRIP OF TERROR FOR FAR TOO LONG! I'M DETERMINED TO BRING HIM DOWN!
BUT I'M GOING TO DO IT MY WAY!
HE WON'T ESCAPE ME AGAIN! I SWEAR THAT THE ONLY WAY HE CAN STOP ME NOW IS... BY KILLING ME!
BAGLEY • DELAROSA


THE HATRED, THE HORROR AND THE HERO!
CHAPTER 14, PART 2
SOME PEOPLE HATE *REUNIONS.*
THEY HAVE NO INTEREST IN *REMINISCING* WITH FORMER CLASSMATES AND OLD ACQUAINTANCES.
ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ACQUAINTACES ARE *DEAD!*
COWERING AMID THE RUINS OF THE ST. ESTES HOME FOR BOYS, *CARNAGE* IS TAUNTED BY HIS BLOODY PAST --
-- AS HIS STRICKEN MIND CONJURES GHOSTLY IMAGES OF FORMER *VICTIMS.*

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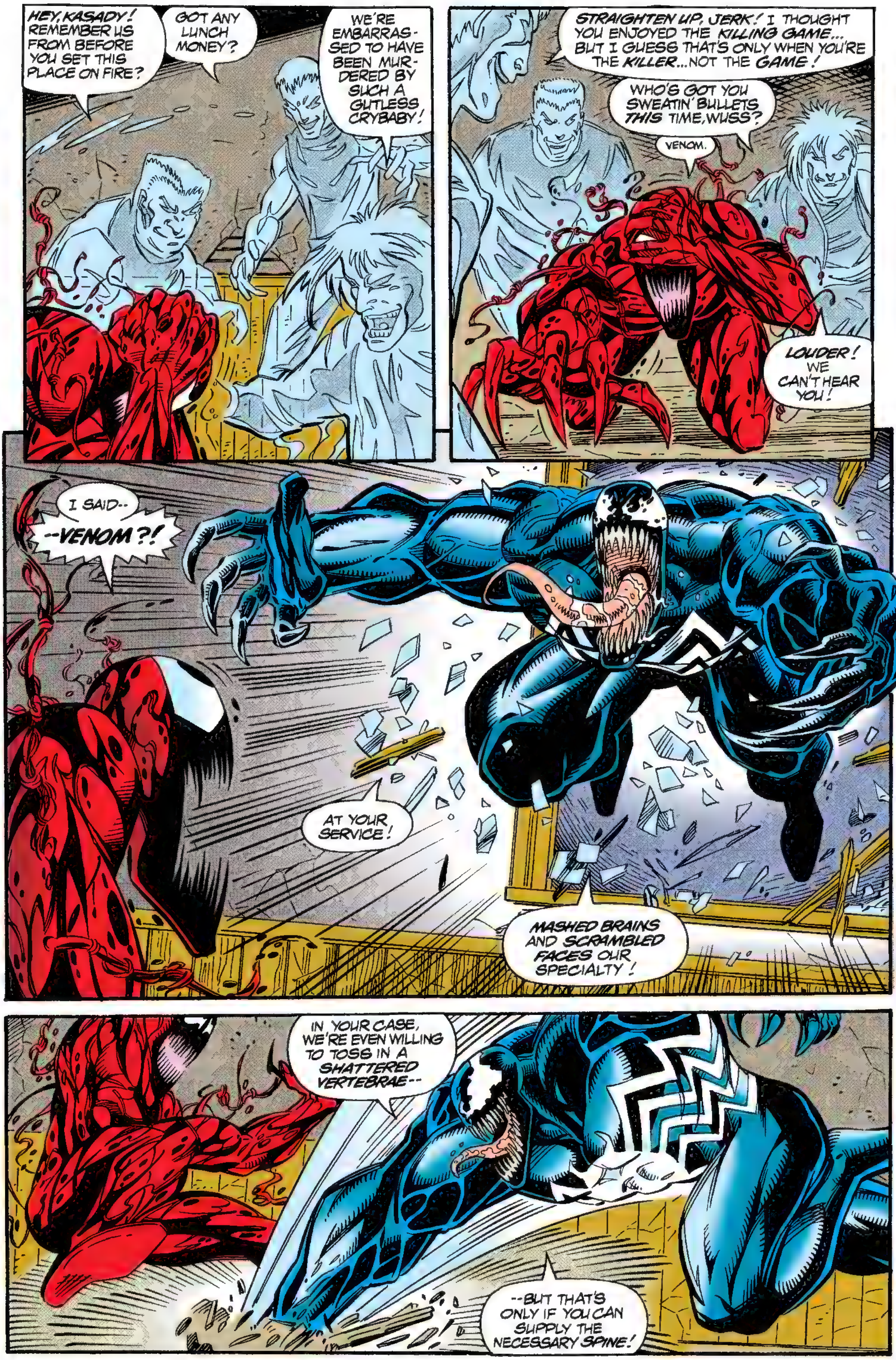
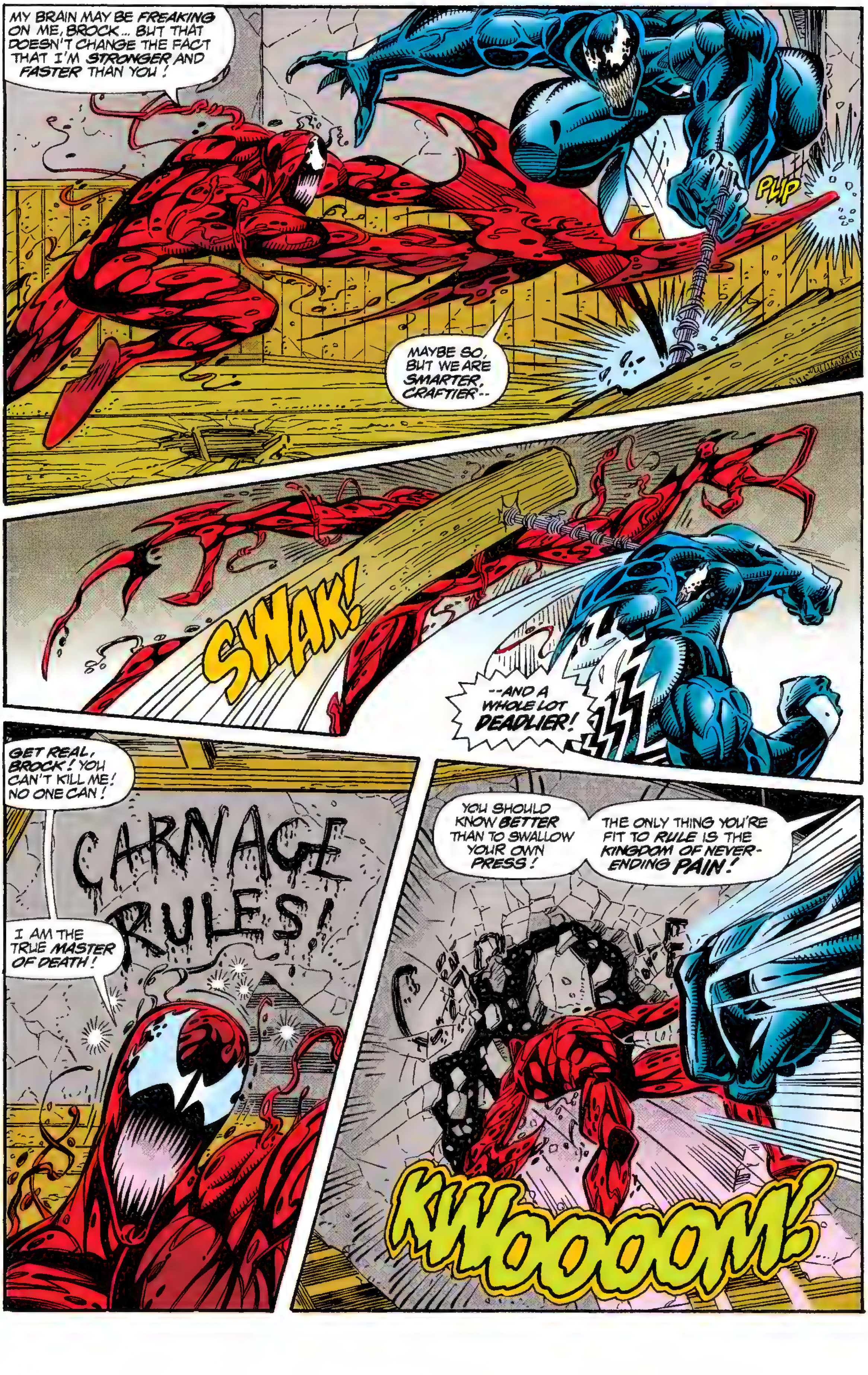
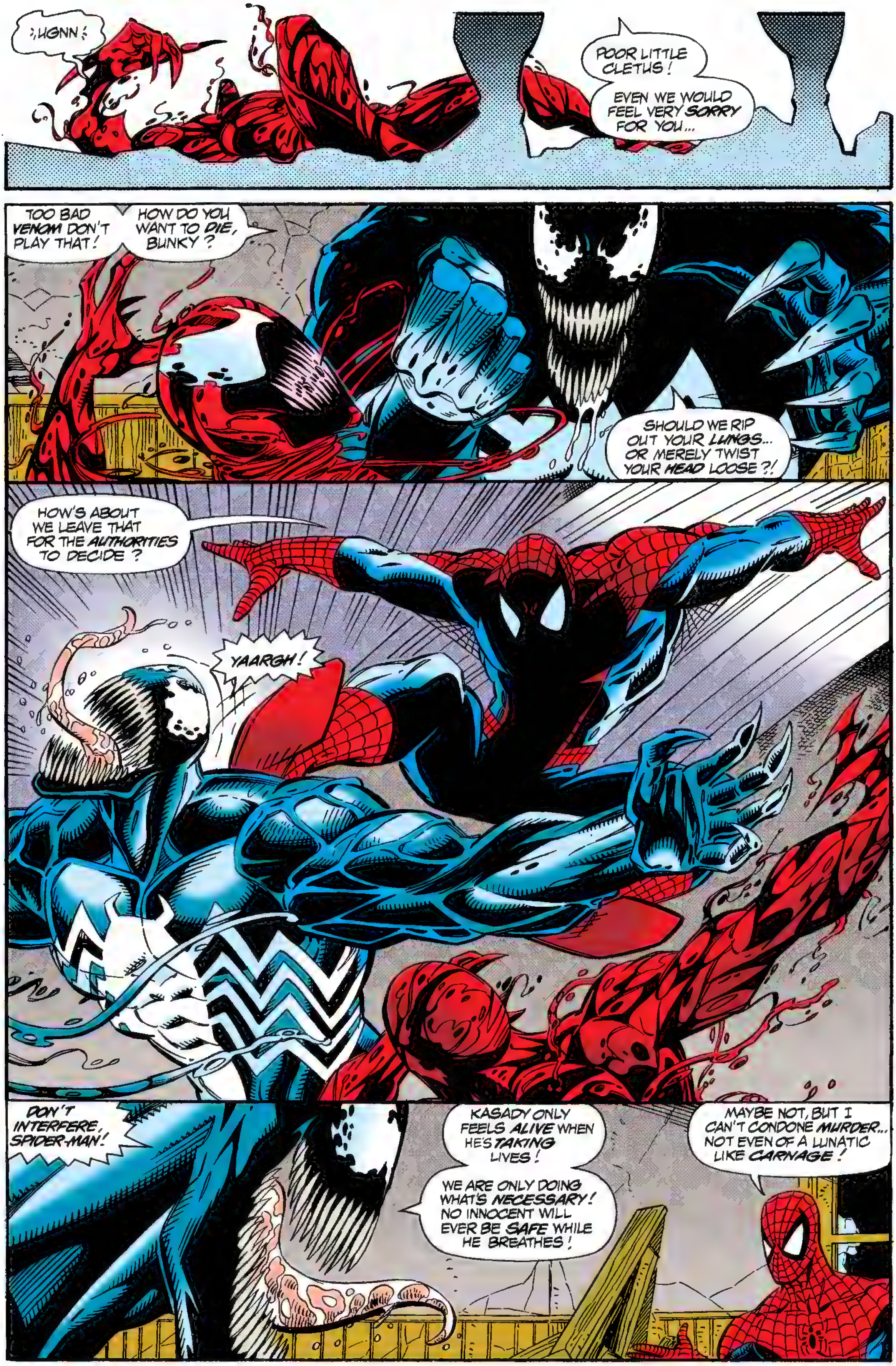
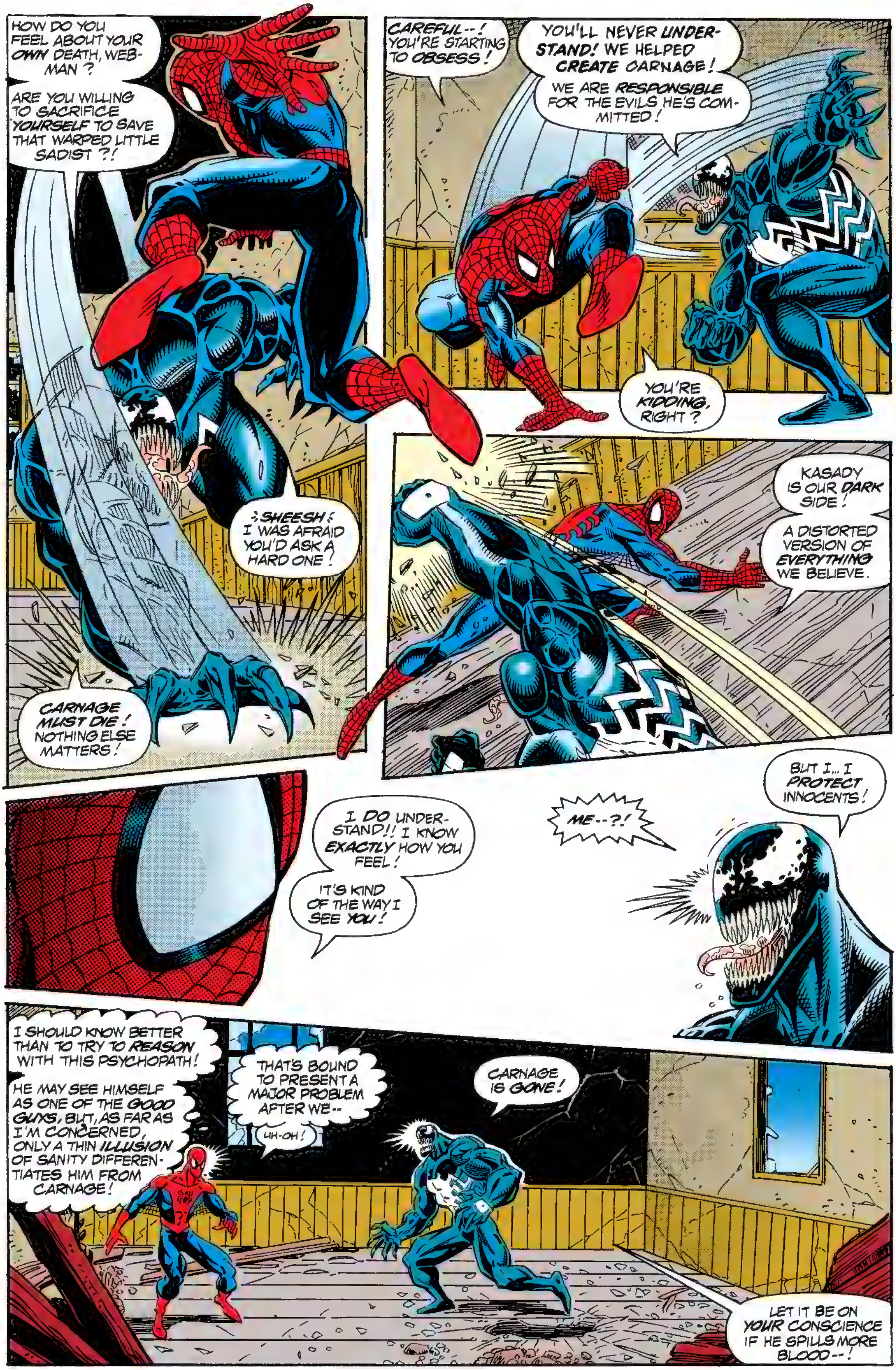
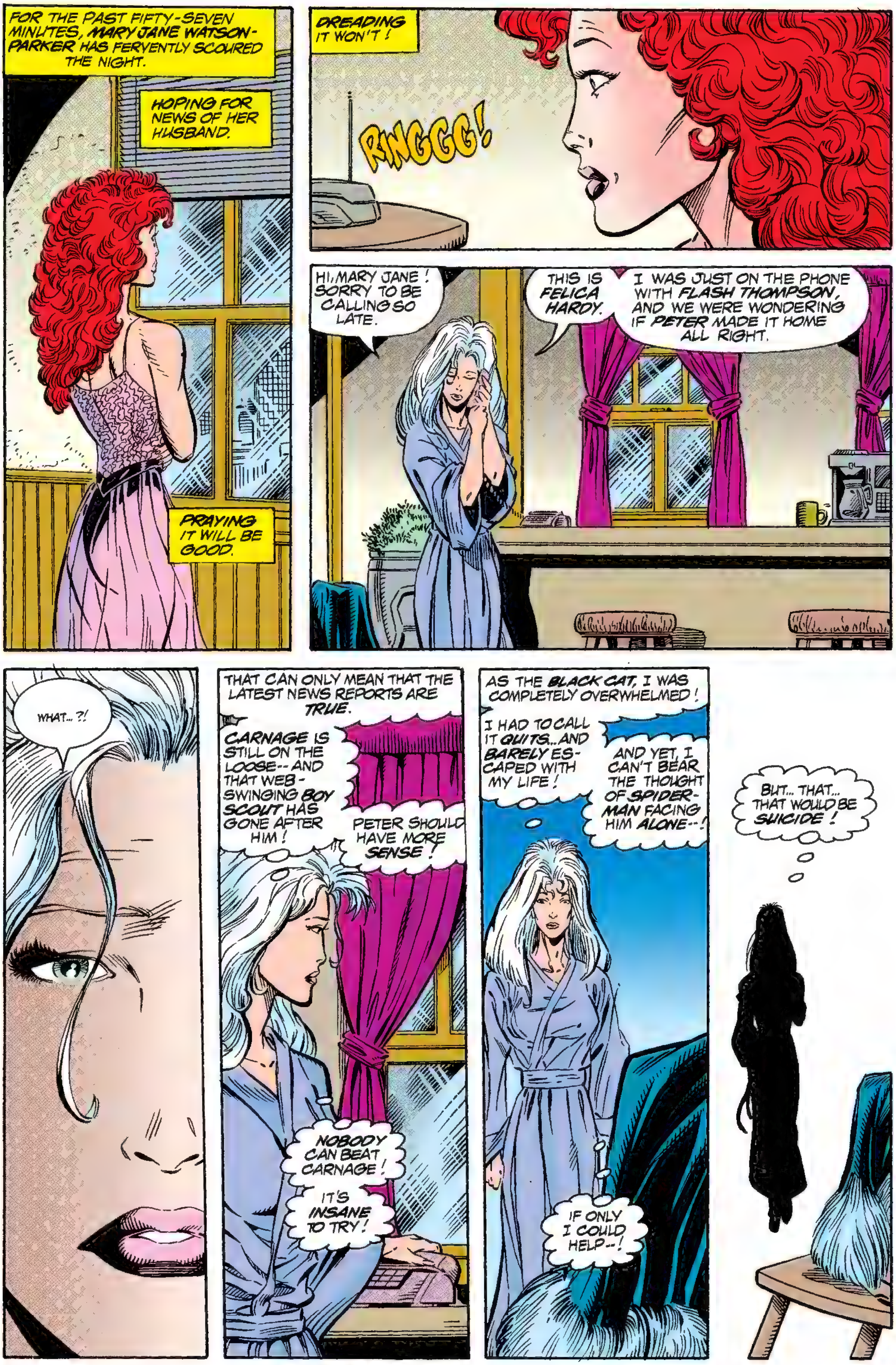
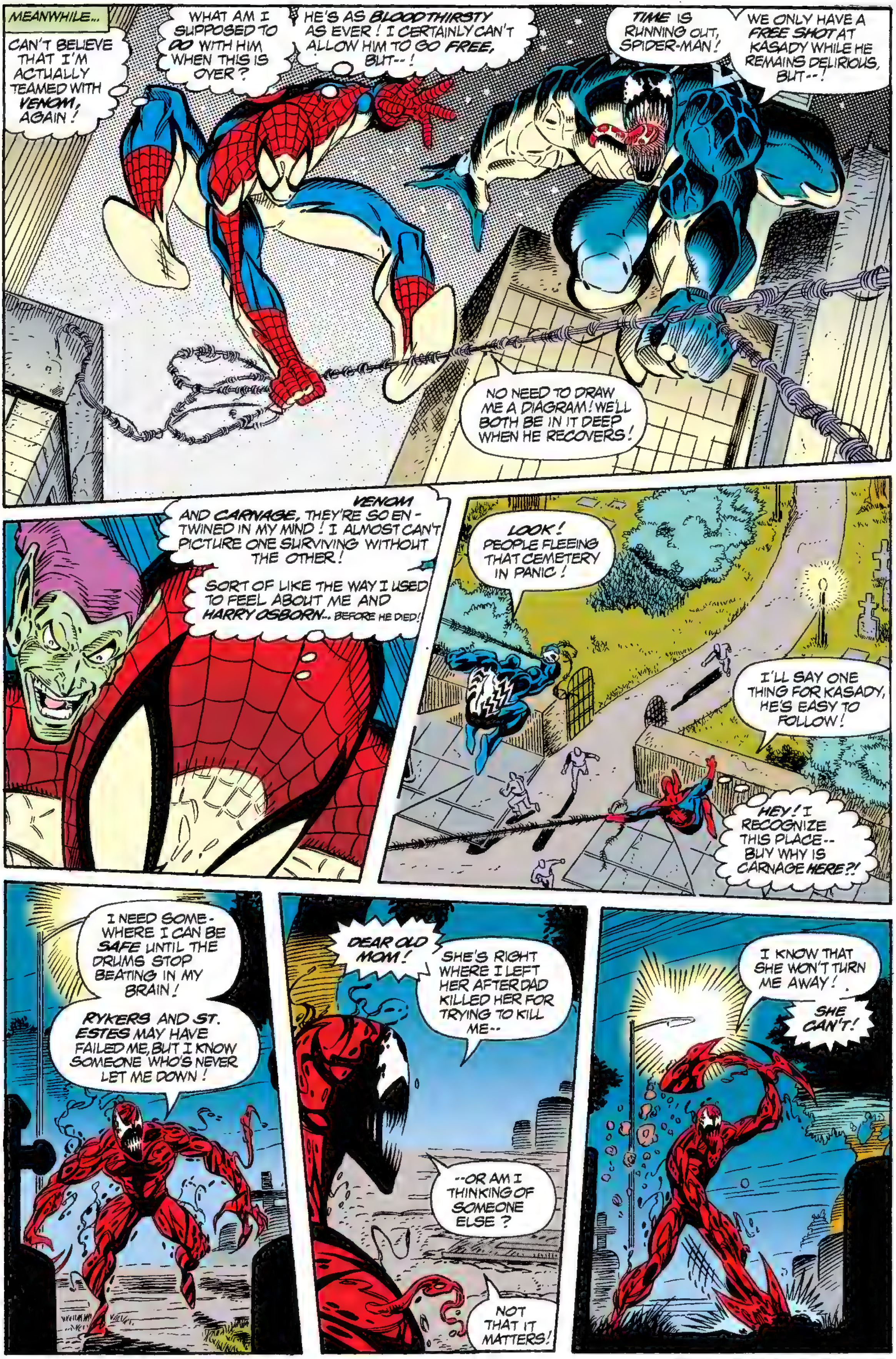

HEY, KASADY! REMEMBER US FROM BEFORE YOU SET THIS PLACE ON FIRE?
GOT ANY LUNCH MONEY?
WE'RE EMBARRASSED TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY SUCH A GUTLESS CRYBABY!
STRAIGHTEN UP, JERK! I THOUGHT YOU ENJOYED THE KILLING GAME... BUT I GUESS THAT'S ONLY WHEN YOU'RE THE KILLER...NOT THE GAME!
WHO'S GOT YOU SWEATIN' BULLETS THIS TIME, WUSS?
VENOM.
LOUDER! WE CAN'T HEAR YOU!
I SAID--
--VENOM?!
AT YOUR SERVICE!
MASHED BRAINS AND SCRAMBLED FACES OUR SPECIALTY!
IN YOUR CASE, WE'RE EVEN WILLING TO TOSS IN A SHATTERED VERTEBRAE--
--BUT THAT'S ONLY IF YOU CAN SUPPLY THE NECESSARY SPINE!

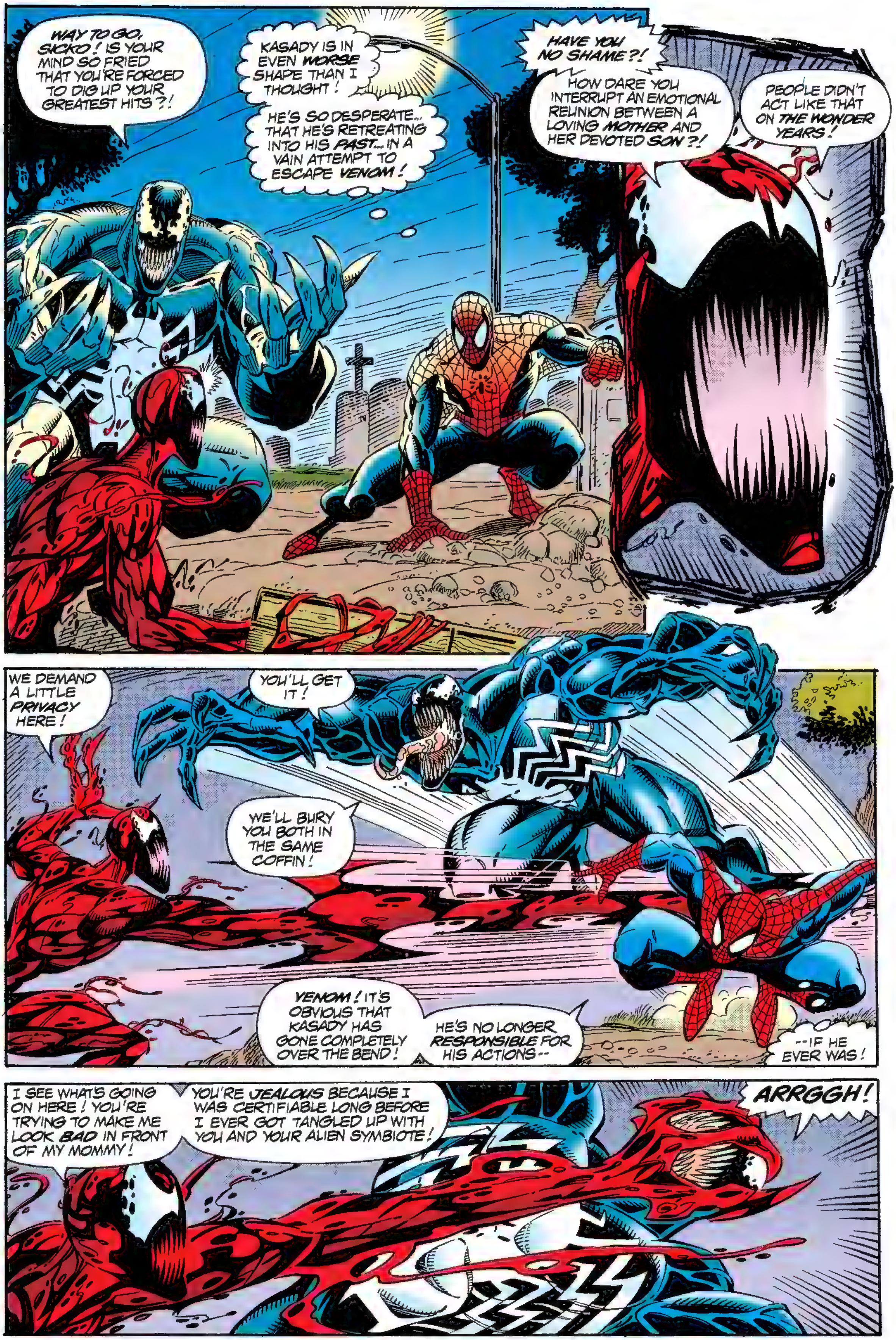

MY BRAIN MAY BE FREAKING ON ME, BROCK... BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I'M STRONGER AND FASTER THAN YOU!
PLIP
MAYBE SO, BUT WE ARE SMARTER, CRAFTIER--
SWAK!
--AND A WHOLE LOT DEADLIER!
GET REAL, BROCK! YOU CAN'T KILL ME! NO ONE CAN!
CARNAGE RULES!
I AM THE TRUE MASTER OF DEATH!
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO SWALLOW YOUR OWN PRESS!
THE ONLY THING YOU'RE FIT TO RULE IS THE KINGDOM OF NEVER-ENDING PAIN!
KWOOOOM!

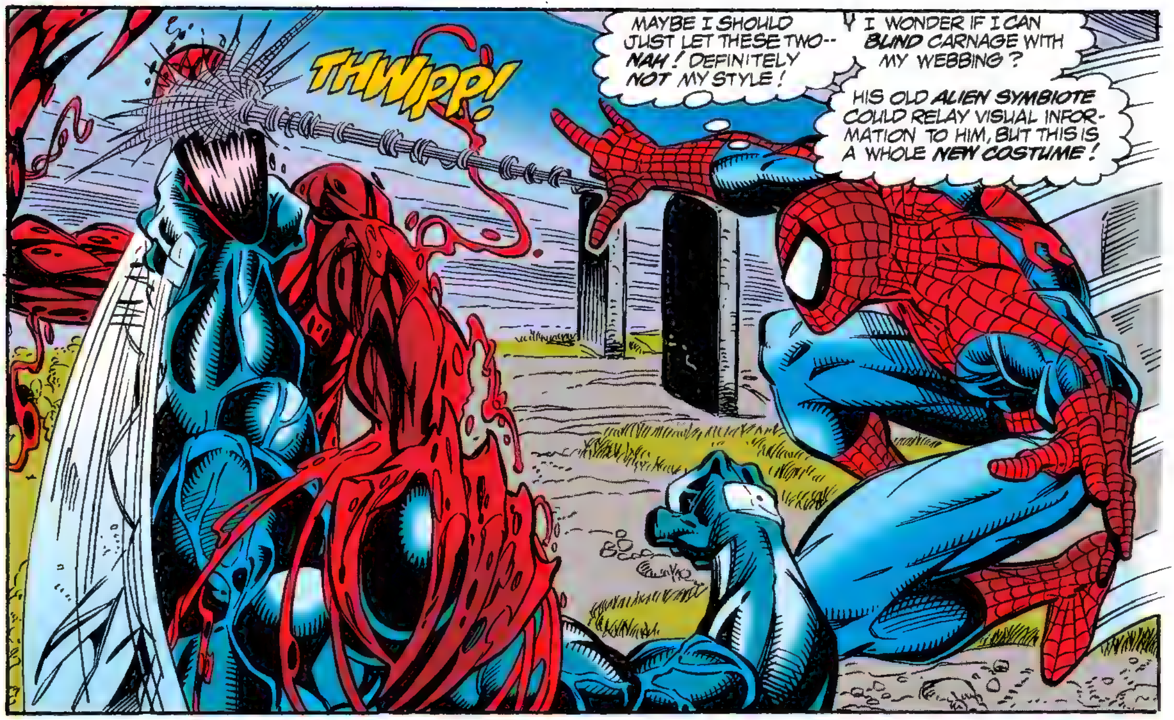

UGNN
POOR LITTLE CLETUS!
EVEN WE WOULD FEEL VERY SORRY FOR YOU...
TOO BAD VENOM DON'T PLAY THAT!
HOW DO YOU WANT TO DIE, BUNKY?
SHOULD WE RIP OUT YOUR LUNGS... OR MERELY TWIST YOUR HEAD LOOSE?!
HOW'S ABOUT WE LEAVE THAT FOR THE AUTHORITIES TO DECIDE?
YAARGH!
DON'T INTERFERE, SPIDER-MAN!
KASADY ONLY FEELS ALIVE WHEN HE'S TAKING LIVES!
WE ARE ONLY DOING WHAT'S NECESSARY! NO INNOCENT WILL EVER BE SAFE WHILE HE BREATHES!
MAYBE NOT, BUT I CAN'T CONDONE MURDER... NOT EVEN OF A LUNATIC LIKE CARNAGE!

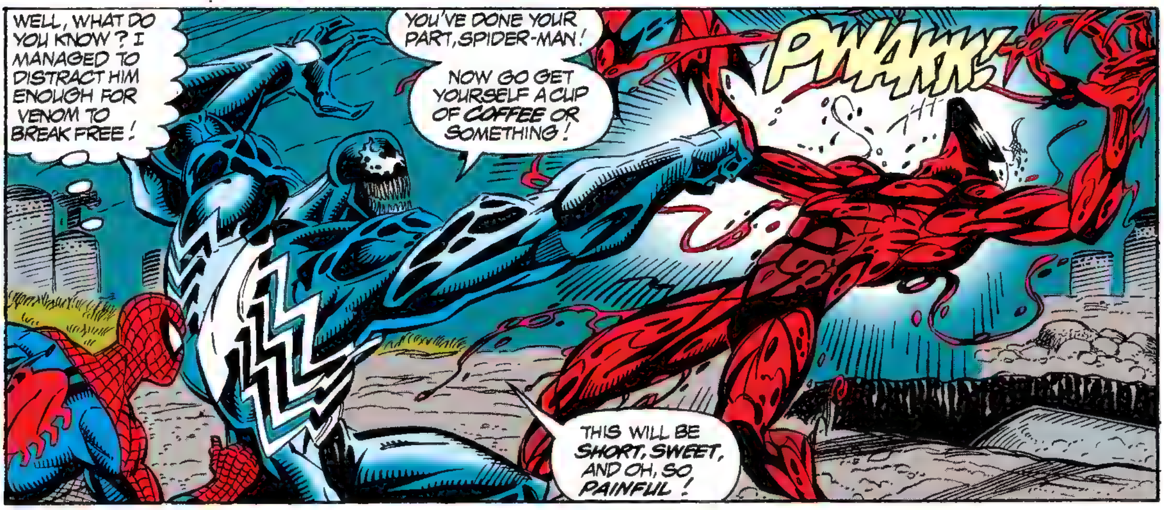

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR OWN DEATH, WEB-MAN?
ARE YOU WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF TO SAVE THAT WARPED LITTLE SADIST?!
:SHEESH: I WAS AFRAID YOU'D ASK A HARD ONE!
CARNAGE MUST DIE! NOTHING ELSE MATTERS!
CAREFUL--! YOU'RE STARTING TO OBSESS!
YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND! WE HELPED CREATE CARNAGE!
WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EVILS HE'S COMMITTED!
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
KASADY IS OUR DARK SIDE!
A DISTORTED VERSION OF EVERYTHING WE BELIEVE.
I DO UNDERSTAND!! I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL!
IT'S KIND OF THE WAY I SEE YOU!
ME--?!
BUT I... I PROTECT INNOCENTS!
I SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO TRY TO REASON WITH THIS PSYCHOPATH!
HE MAY SEE HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, BUT, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, ONLY A THIN ILLUSION OF SANITY DIFFERENTIATES HIM FROM CARNAGE!
THAT'S BOUND TO PRESENT A MAJOR PROBLEM AFTER WE--
UH-OH!
CARNAGE IS GONE!
LET IT BE ON YOUR CONSCIENCE IF HE SPILLS MORE BLOOD--!

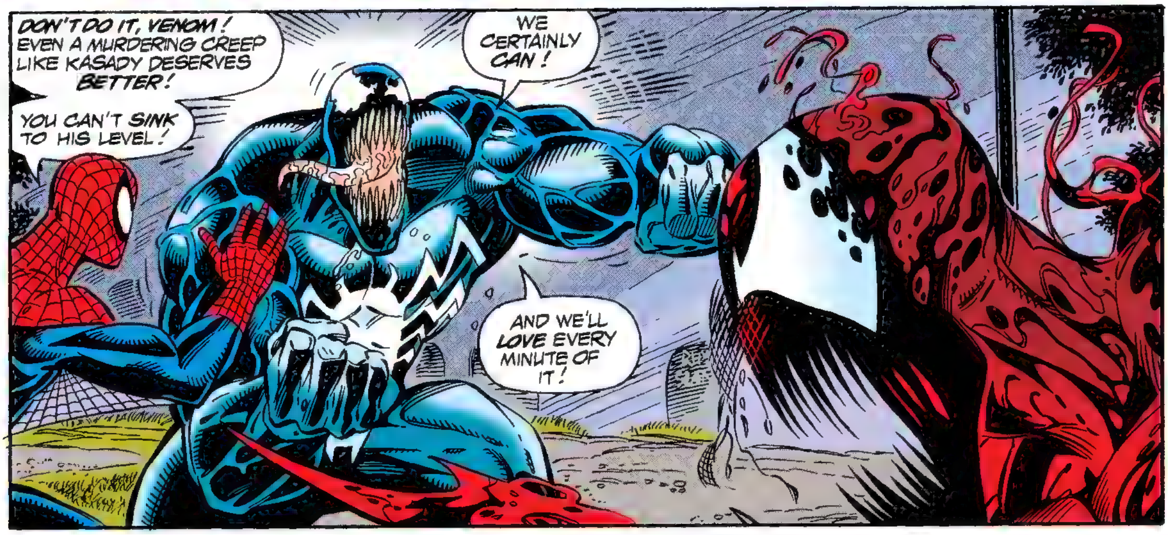

FOR THE PAST FIFTY-SEVEN MINUTES, MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER HAS FERVENTLY SCOURED THE NIGHT.
HOPING FOR NEWS OF HER HUSBAND.
PRAYING IT WILL BE GOOD.
DREADING IT WON'T!
RINGGG!
HI, MARY JANE! SORRY TO BE CALLING SO LATE.
THIS IS FELICA HARDY.
I WAS JUST ON THE PHONE WITH FLASH THOMPSON, AND WE WERE WONDERING IF PETER MADE IT HOME ALL RIGHT.
WHAT...?!
THAT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT THE LATEST NEWS REPORTS ARE TRUE.
CARNAGE IS STILL ON THE LOOSE-- AND THAT WEB-SWINGING BOY SCOUT HAS GONE AFTER HIM!
PETER SHOULD HAVE MORE SENSE!
NOBODY CAN BEAT CARNAGE!
IT'S INSANE TO TRY!
AS THE BLACK CAT, I WAS COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED!
I HAD TO CALL IT QUITS...AND BARELY ESCAPED WITH MY LIFE!
AND YET, I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF SPIDER-MAN FACING HIM ALONE--!
IF ONLY I COULD HELP--!
BUT... THAT... THAT WOULD BE SUICIDE!

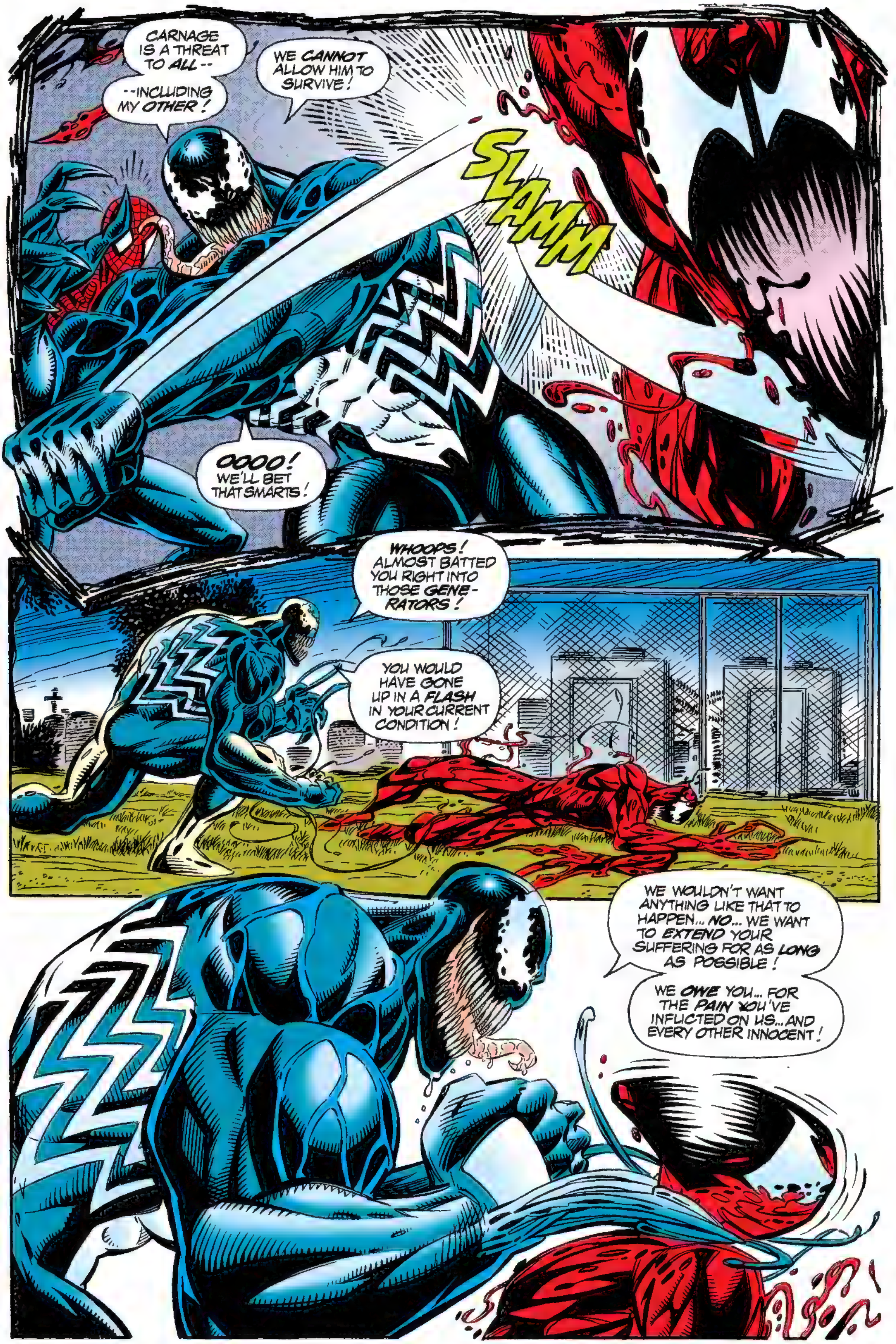

MEANWHILE...
CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I'M ACTUALLY TEAMED WITH VENOM, AGAIN!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH HIM WHEN THIS IS OVER?
HE'S AS BLOODTHIRSTY AS EVER! I CERTAINLY CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO GO FREE, BUT--!
TIME IS RUNNING OUT, SPIDER-MAN!
WE ONLY HAVE A FREE SHOT AT KASADY WHILE HE REMAINS DELIRIOUS, BUT--!
NO NEED TO DRAW ME A DIAGRAM! WE'LL BOTH BE IN IT DEEP WHEN HE RECOVERS!
VENOM AND CARNAGE, THEY'RE SO ENTWINED IN MY MIND! I ALMOST CAN'T PICTURE ONE SURVIVING WITHOUT THE OTHER!
SORT OF LIKE THE WAY I USED TO FEEL ABOUT ME AND HARRY OSBORN... BEFORE HE DIED!
LOOK! PEOPLE FLEEING THAT CEMETERY IN PANIC!
I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR KASADY, HE'S EASY TO FOLLOW!
HEY! I RECOGNIZE THIS PLACE-- BUT WHY IS CARNAGE HERE?!
I NEED SOMEWHERE I CAN BE SAFE UNTIL THE DRUMS STOP BEATING IN MY BRAIN!
RYKERS AND ST. ESTES MAY HAVE FAILED ME, BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S NEVER LET ME DOWN!
DEAR OLD MOM!
SHE'S RIGHT WHERE I LEFT HER AFTER DAD KILLED HER FOR TRYING TO KILL ME--
--OR AM I THINKING OF SOMEONE ELSE?
NOT THAT IT MATTERS!
I KNOW THAT SHE WON'T TURN ME AWAY!
SHE CAN'T!

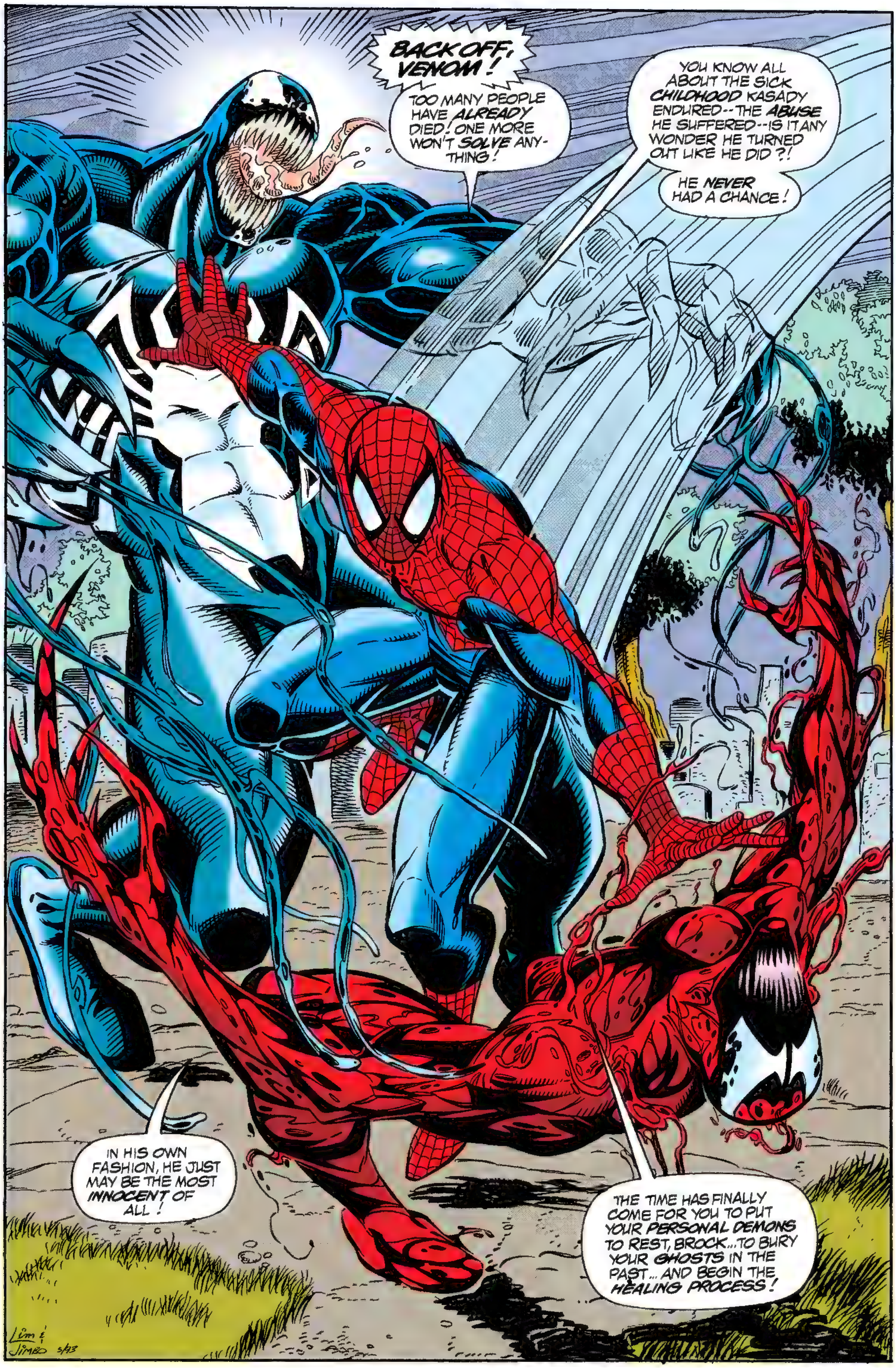

WAY TO GO, SICKO! IS YOUR MIND SO FRIED THAT YOU'RE FORCED TO DIG UP YOUR GREATEST HITS?!
KASADY IS IN EVEN WORSE SHAPE THAN I THOUGHT!
HE'S SO DESPERATE... THAT HE'S RETREATING INTO HIS PAST... IN A VAIN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE VENOM!
HAVE YOU NO SHAME?!
HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT AN EMOTIONAL REUNION BETWEEN A LOVING MOTHER AND HER DEVOTED SON?!
PEOPLE DIDN'T ACT LIKE THAT ON THE WONDER YEARS!
WE DEMAND A LITTLE PRIVACY HERE!
YOU'LL GET IT!
WE'LL BURY YOU BOTH IN THE SAME COFFIN!
VENOM! IT'S OBVIOUS THAT KASADY HAS GONE COMPLETELY OVER THE BEND!
HE'S NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS--
--IF HE EVER WAS!
I SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE! YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE ME LOOK BAD IN FRONT OF MY MOMMY!
YOU'RE JEALOUS BECAUSE I WAS CERTIFIABLE LONG BEFORE I EVER GOT TANGLED UP WITH YOU AND YOUR ALIEN SYMBIOTE!
ARRGGH!


THWIPP!
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST LET THESE TWO-- NAH! DEFINITELY NOT MY STYLE!
I WONDER IF I CAN BLIND CARNAGE WITH MY WEBBING?
HIS OLD ALIEN SYMBIOTE COULD RELAY VISUAL INFORMATION TO HIM, BUT THIS IS A WHOLE NEW COSTUME!


WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW? I MANAGED TO DISTRACT HIM ENOUGH FOR VENOM TO BREAK FREE!
YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART, SPIDER-MAN!
NOW GO GET YOURSELF A CUP OF COFFEE OR SOMETHING!
PWAKK!
THIS WILL BE SHORT, SWEET, AND OH, SO PAINFUL!


DON'T DO IT, VENOM! EVEN A MURDERING CREEP LIKE KASADY DESERVES BETTER!
YOU CAN'T SINK TO HIS LEVEL!
WE CERTAINLY CAN!
AND WE'LL LOVE EVERY MINUTE OF IT!


CARNAGE IS A THREAT TO *ALL* --
--INCLUDING MY *OTHER*!
WE *CANNOT* ALLOW HIM TO SURVIVE!
SLAMM
OOOO! WE'LL BET THAT SMARTS!
WHOOPS! ALMOST BATTED YOU RIGHT INTO THOSE *GENERATORS*!
YOU WOULD HAVE GONE UP IN A *FLASH* IN YOUR CURRENT CONDITION!
WE WOULDN'T WANT ANYTHING LIKE THAT TO HAPPEN... *NO*... WE WANT TO *EXTEND* YOUR SUFFERING FOR AS *LONG* AS POSSIBLE!
WE *OWE* YOU... FOR THE *PAIN YOU'VE* INFLICTED ON US... AND EVERY OTHER INNOCENT!


BACK OFF, VENOM!
TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE *ALREADY* DIED! ONE MORE WON'T *SOLVE* ANYTHING!
YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THE SICK *CHILDHOOD* KASADY ENDURED--THE *ABUSE* HE SUFFERED--IS IT ANY WONDER HE TURNED OUT LIKE HE DID?!
HE *NEVER* HAD A CHANCE!
IN HIS OWN FASHION, HE JUST MAY BE THE MOST *INNOCENT* OF ALL!
THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME FOR YOU TO PUT YOUR *PERSONAL DEMONS* TO REST, BROCK...TO BURY YOUR *GHOSTS* IN THE PAST... AND BEGIN THE *HEALING PROCESS*!
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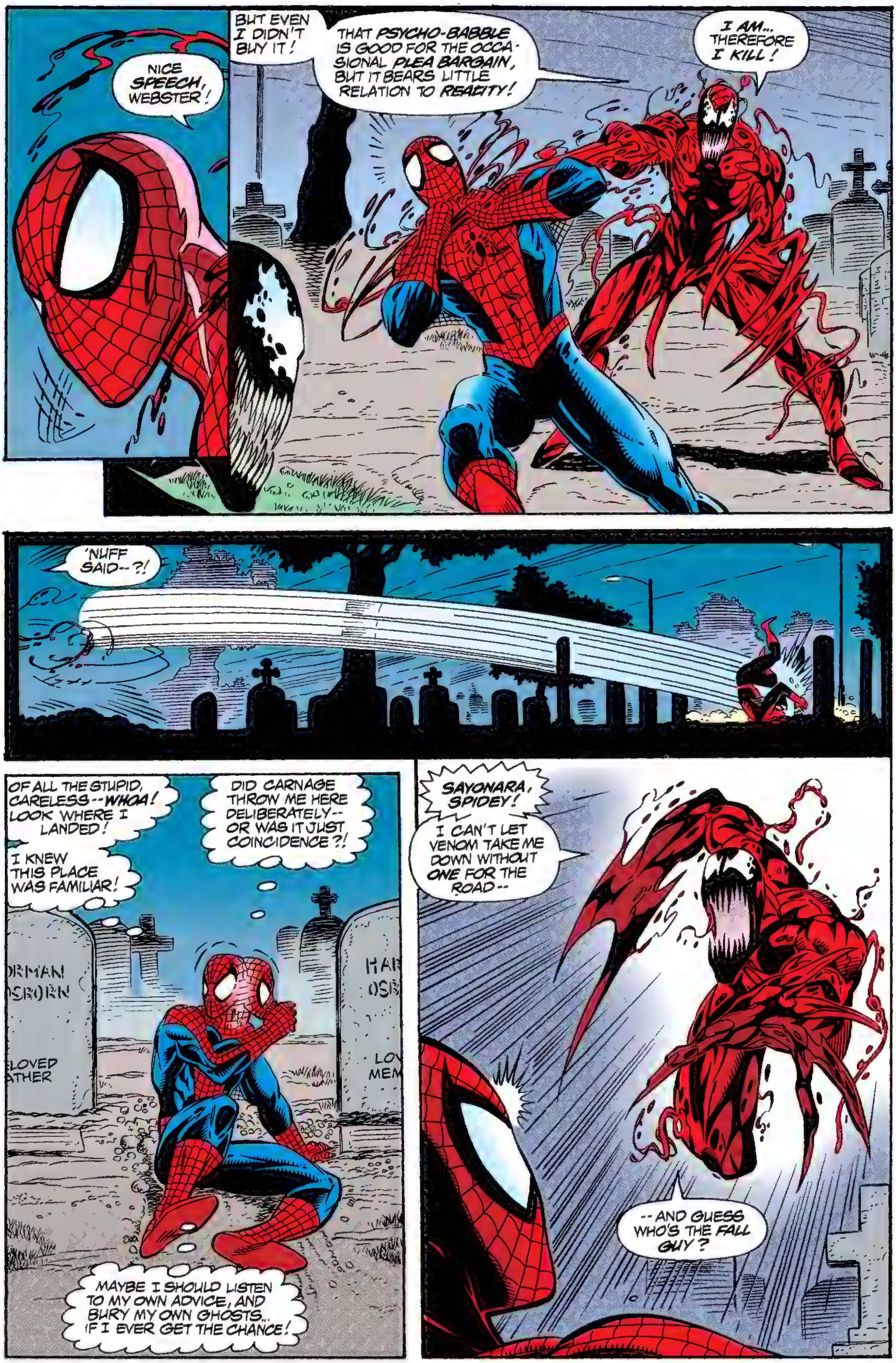
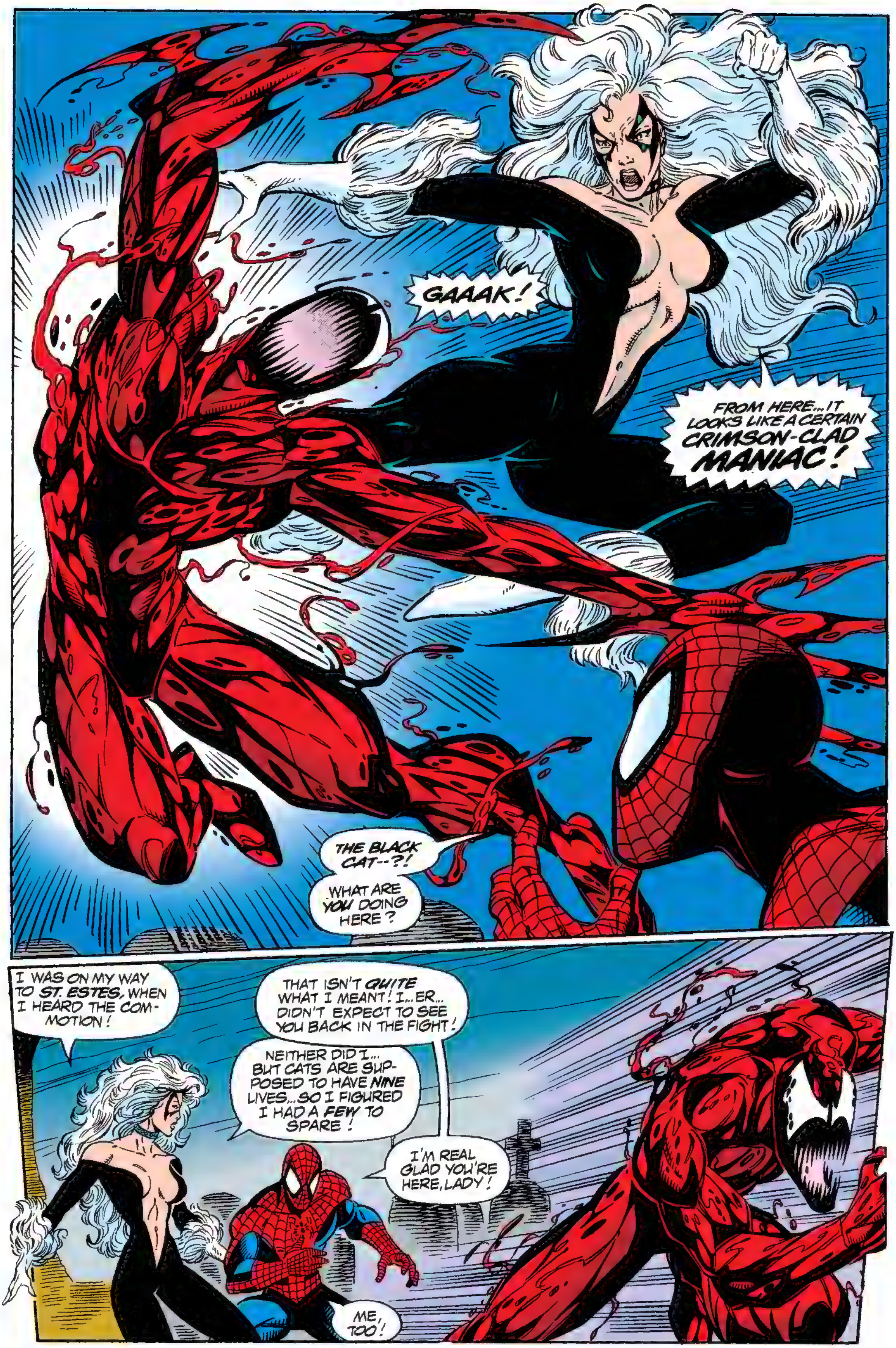
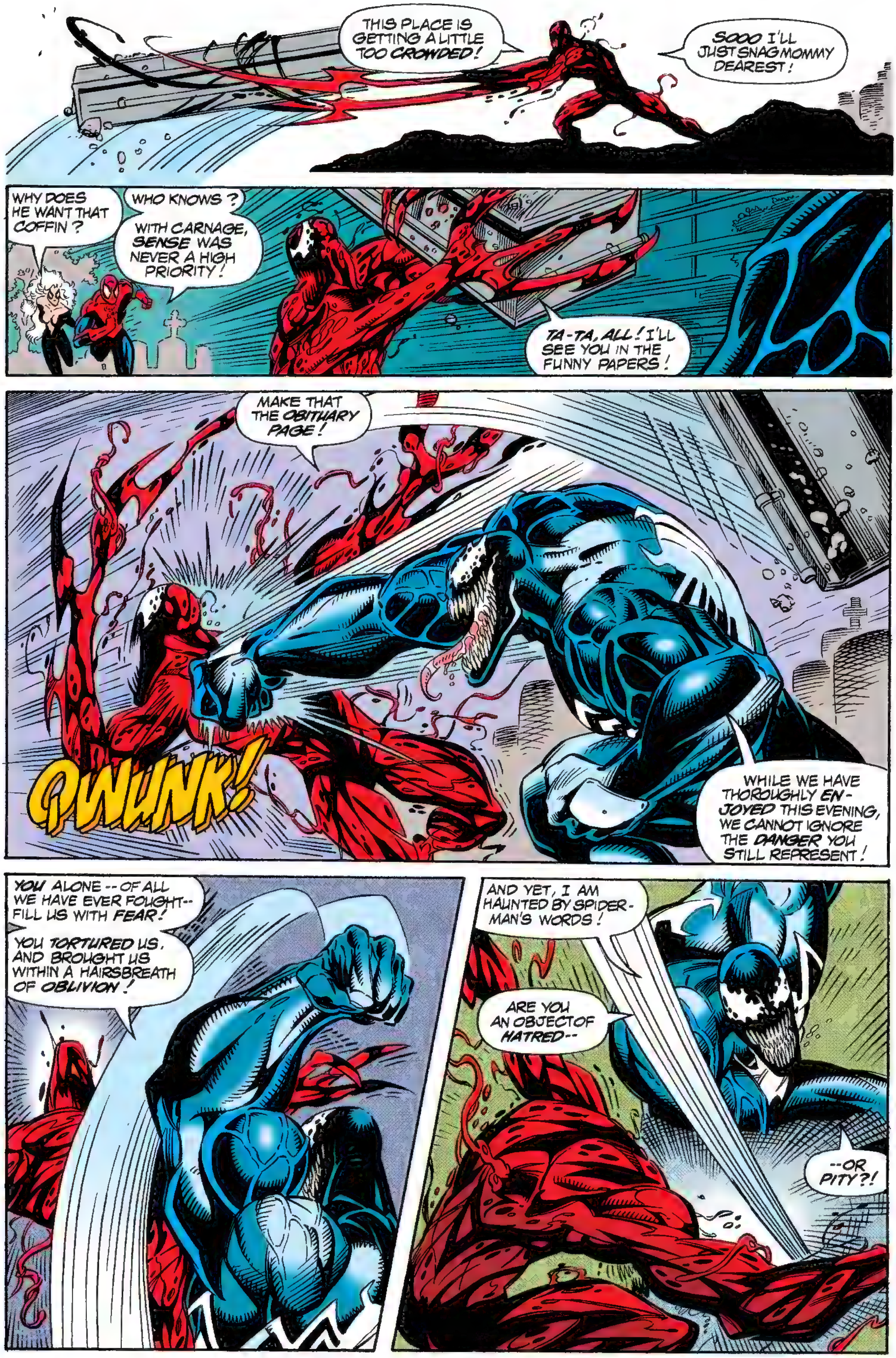
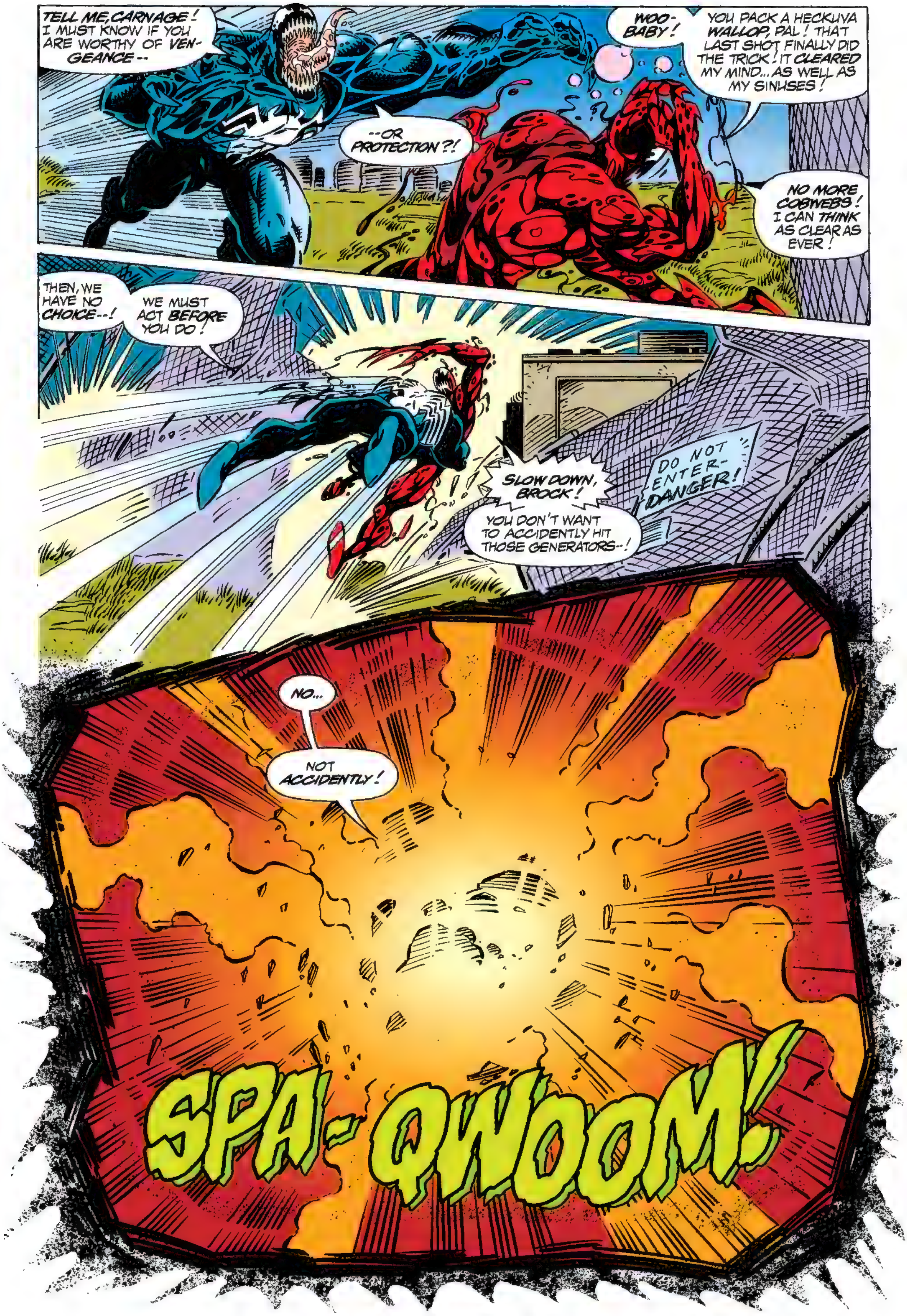
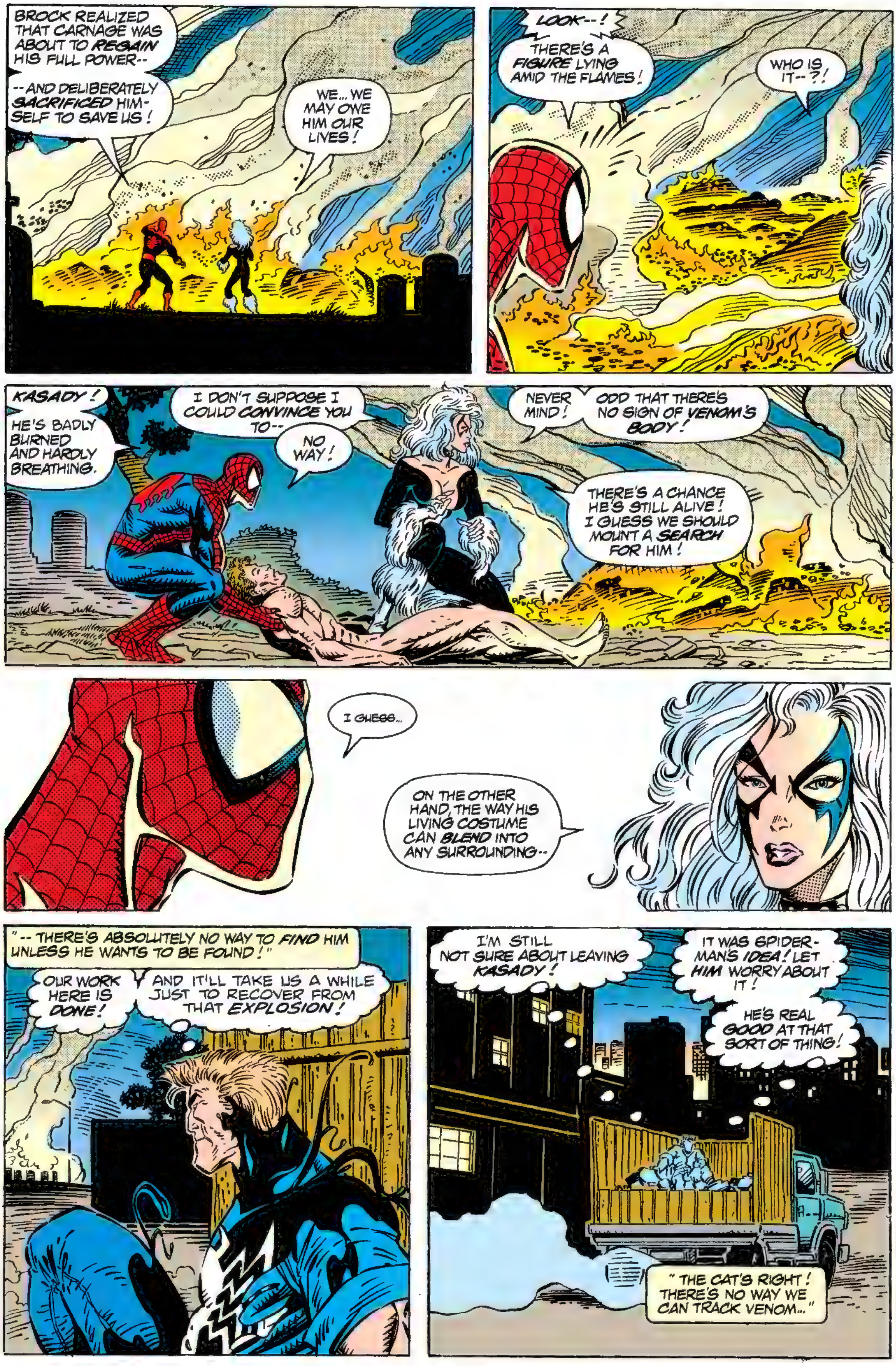
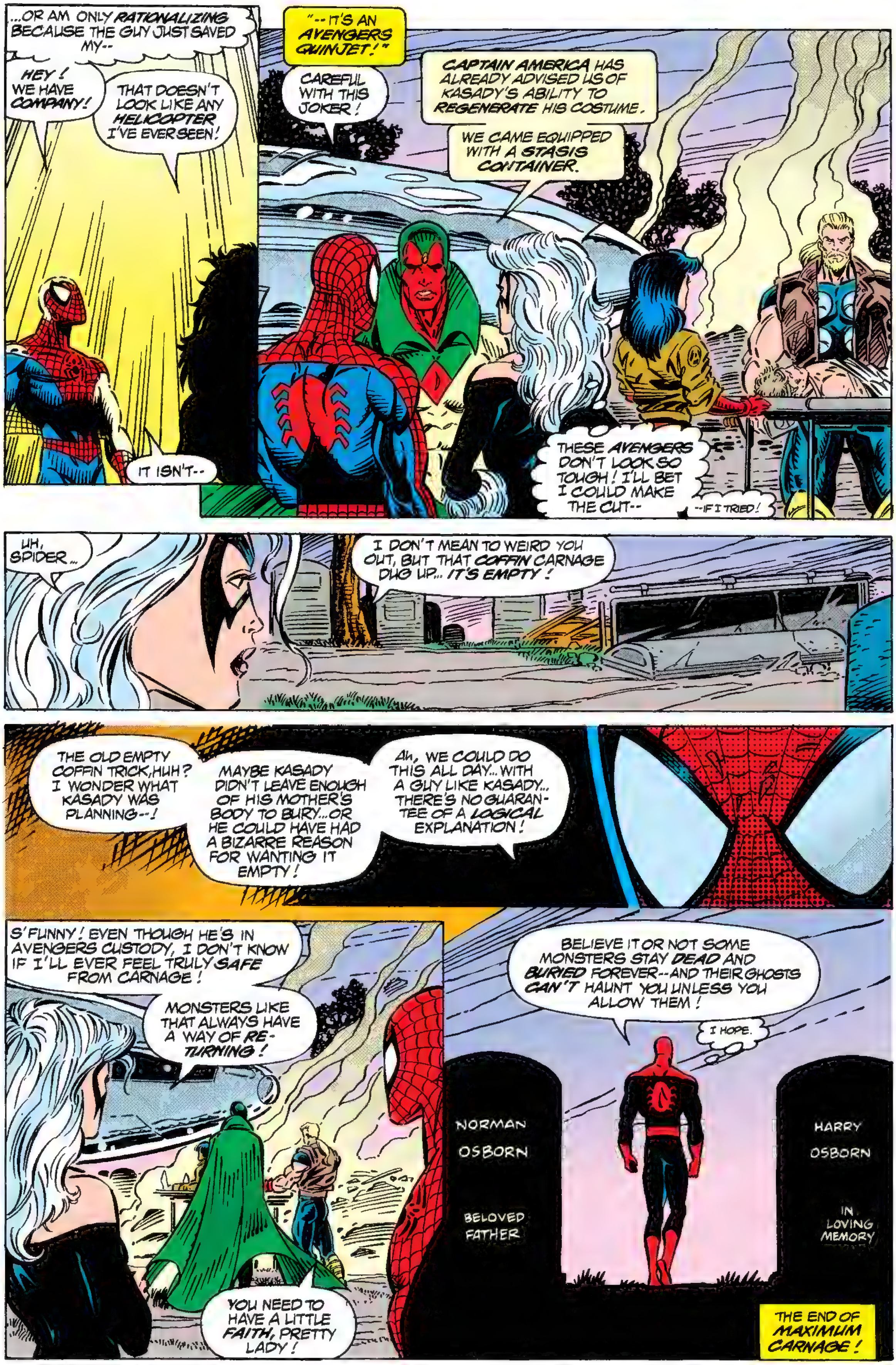

NICE *SPEECH*, WEBSTER!
BUT EVEN I DIDN'T BUY IT!
THAT *PSYCHO-BABBLE* IS GOOD FOR THE OCCASIONAL *PLEA BARGAIN*, BUT IT BEARS LITTLE RELATION TO *REALITY*!
I AM... THEREFORE I KILL!
'NUFF SAID--?!
OF ALL THE STUPID, CARELESS--*WHOA!* LOOK WHERE I LANDED!
I KNEW THIS PLACE WAS FAMILIAR!
DID CARNAGE THROW ME HERE DELIBERATELY--OR WAS IT JUST COINCIDENCE?!
ORMAN OSBORN
LOVED ATHER
HAR OSB
LOV MEM
MAYBE I SHOULD LISTEN TO MY OWN ADVICE, AND BURY MY OWN GHOSTS... IF I EVER GET THE CHANCE!
SAYONARA, SPIDEY!
I CAN'T LET VENOM TAKE ME DOWN WITHOUT *ONE* FOR THE ROAD--
--AND GUESS WHO'S THE *FALL GUY*?

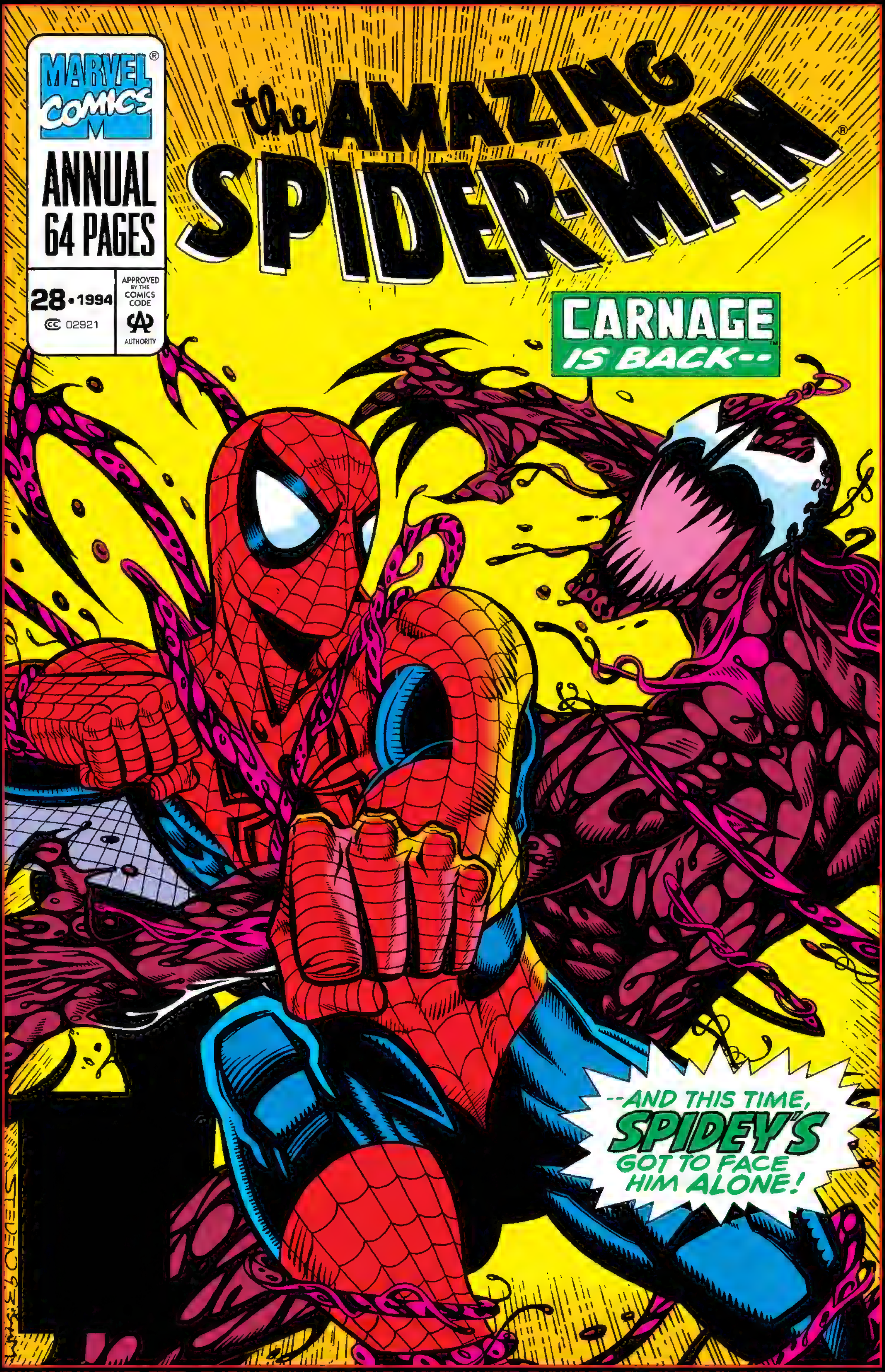

GAAAK!
FROM HERE... IT LOOKS LIKE A CERTAIN CRIMSON-CLAD MANIAC!
THE BLACK CAT--?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I WAS ON MY WAY TO ST. ESTES, WHEN I HEARD THE COMMOTION!
THAT ISN'T QUITE WHAT I MEANT! I... ER... DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU BACK IN THE FIGHT!
NEITHER DID I... BUT CATS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE NINE LIVES... SO I FIGURED I HAD A FEW TO SPARE!
I'M REAL GLAD YOU'RE HERE, LADY!
ME, TOO!


THIS PLACE IS GETTING A LITTLE TOO CROWDED!
SOOO I'LL JUST SNAG MOMMY DEAREST!
WHY DOES HE WANT THAT COFFIN?
WHO KNOWS?
WITH CARNAGE, SENSE WAS NEVER A HIGH PRIORITY!
TA-TA, ALL! I'LL SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAPERS!
MAKE THAT THE OBITUARY PAGE!
QWUNK!
WHILE WE HAVE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THIS EVENING, WE CANNOT IGNORE THE DANGER YOU STILL REPRESENT!
YOU ALONE -- OF ALL WE HAVE EVER FOUGHT -- FILL US WITH FEAR!
YOU TORTURED US, AND BROUGHT US WITHIN A HAIRSBREATH OF OBLIVION!
AND YET, I AM HAUNTED BY SPIDER-MAN'S WORDS!
ARE YOU AN OBJECT OF HATRED--
--OR PITY?!


TELL ME, CARNAGE! I MUST KNOW IF YOU ARE WORTHY OF VENGEANCE--
--OR PROTECTION?!
WOO-BABY!
YOU PACK A HECKUVA WALLOP, PAL! THAT LAST SHOT FINALLY DID THE TRICK! IT CLEARED MY MIND... AS WELL AS MY SINUSES!
NO MORE COBWEBS! I CAN THINK AS CLEAR AS EVER!
THEN, WE HAVE NO CHOICE--!
WE MUST ACT BEFORE YOU DO!
SLOW DOWN, BROCK!
YOU DON'T WANT TO ACCIDENTLY HIT THOSE GENERATORS--!
DO NOT ENTER-DANGER!
NO...
NOT ACCIDENTLY!
SPA-QWOOM!


BROCK REALIZED THAT CARNAGE WAS ABOUT TO **REGAIN** HIS FULL POWER--
--AND DELIBERATELY **SACRIFICED** HIMSELF TO SAVE US!
WE... WE MAY OWE HIM OUR LIVES!
LOOK--!
THERE'S A **FIGURE** LYING AMID THE FLAMES!
WHO IS IT--?!
KASADY!
HE'S BADLY BURNED AND HARDLY BREATHING.
I DON'T SUPPOSE I COULD **CONVINCE** YOU TO--
NO WAY!
NEVER MIND!
ODD THAT THERE'S NO SIGN OF **VENOM'S BODY!**
THERE'S A CHANCE HE'S STILL ALIVE! I GUESS WE SHOULD MOUNT A **SEARCH** FOR HIM!
I GUESS...
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WAY HIS LIVING COSTUME CAN **BLEND** INTO ANY SURROUNDING--
"--THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY TO **FIND** HIM UNLESS HE WANTS TO BE FOUND!"
OUR WORK HERE IS **DONE!**
AND IT'LL TAKE US A WHILE JUST TO RECOVER FROM THAT **EXPLOSION!**
I'M STILL NOT SURE ABOUT LEAVING **KASADY!**
IT WAS SPIDER-MAN'S **IDEA!** LET **HIM** WORRY ABOUT IT!
HE'S REAL **GOOD** AT THAT SORT OF THING!
"THE CAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TRACK VENOM..."


...OR AM ONLY RATIONALIZING BECAUSE THE GUY JUST SAVED MY--
HEY! WE HAVE COMPANY!
THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY HELICOPTER I'VE EVER SEEN!
IT ISN'T--
"--IT'S AN AVENGERS QUINJET!"
CAREFUL WITH THIS JOKER!
CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS ALREADY ADVISED US OF KASADY'S ABILITY TO REGENERATE HIS COSTUME.
WE CAME EQUIPPED WITH A STASIS CONTAINER.
THESE AVENGERS DON'T LOOK SO TOUGH! I'LL BET I COULD MAKE THE CUT--
--IF I TRIED!
UH, SPIDER...
I DON'T MEAN TO WEIRD YOU OUT, BUT THAT COFFIN CARNAGE DUG UP... IT'S EMPTY!
THE OLD EMPTY COFFIN TRICK, HUH? I WONDER WHAT KASADY WAS PLANNING--!
MAYBE KASADY DIDN'T LEAVE ENOUGH OF HIS MOTHER'S BODY TO BURY...OR HE COULD HAVE HAD A BIZARRE REASON FOR WANTING IT EMPTY!
AH, WE COULD DO THIS ALL DAY... WITH A GUY LIKE KASADY... THERE'S NO GUARANTEE OF A LOGICAL EXPLANATION!
S'FUNNY! EVEN THOUGH HE'S IN AVENGERS CUSTODY, I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL EVER FEEL TRULY SAFE FROM CARNAGE!
MONSTERS LIKE THAT ALWAYS HAVE A WAY OF RETURNING!
YOU NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE FAITH, PRETTY LADY!
BELIEVE IT OR NOT SOME MONSTERS STAY DEAD AND BURIED FOREVER--AND THEIR GHOSTS CAN'T HAUNT YOU UNLESS YOU ALLOW THEM!
I HOPE.
NORMAN OSBORN BELOVED FATHER
HARRY OSBORN IN LOVING MEMORY
THE END OF MAXIMUM CARNAGE!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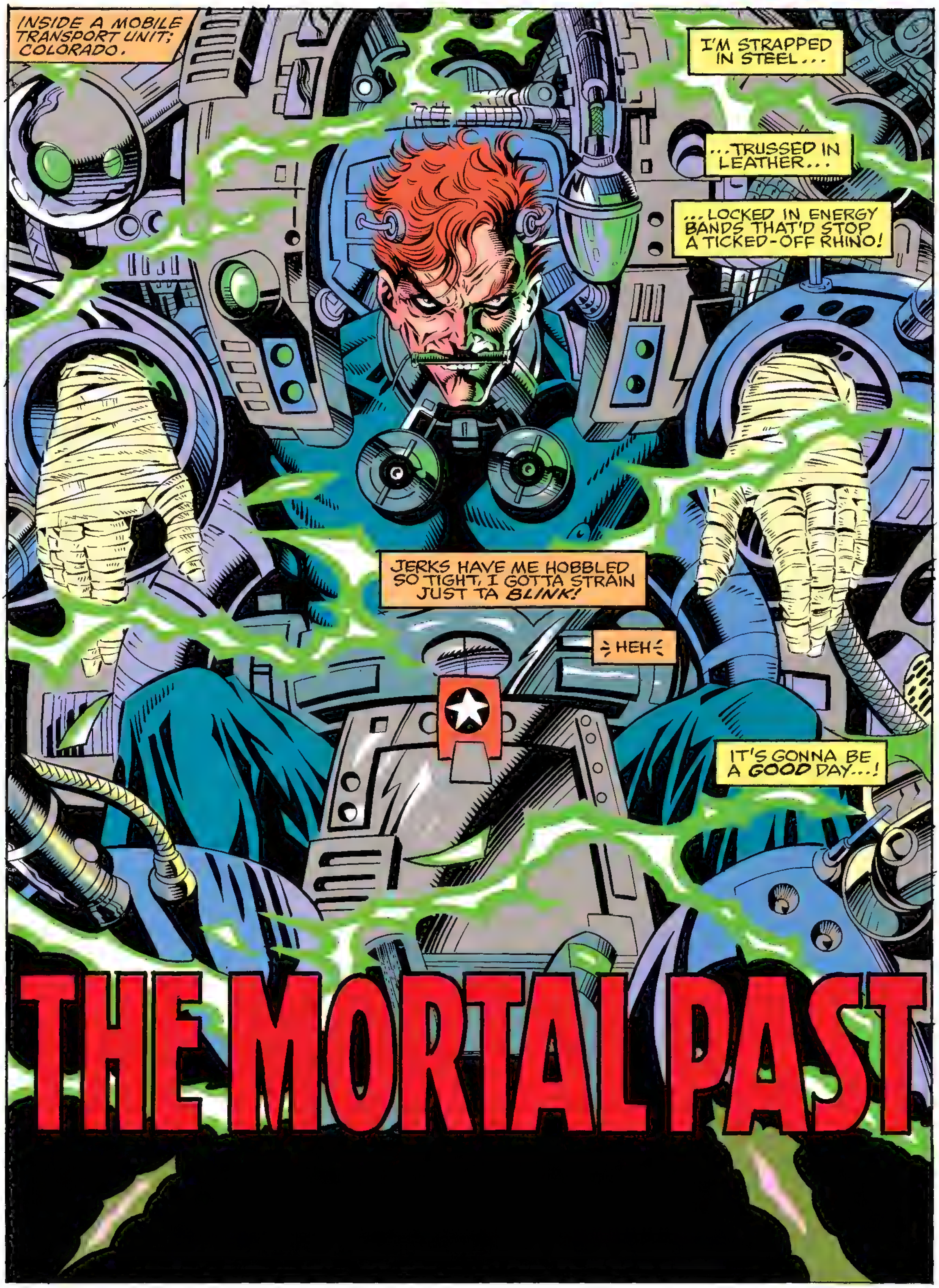
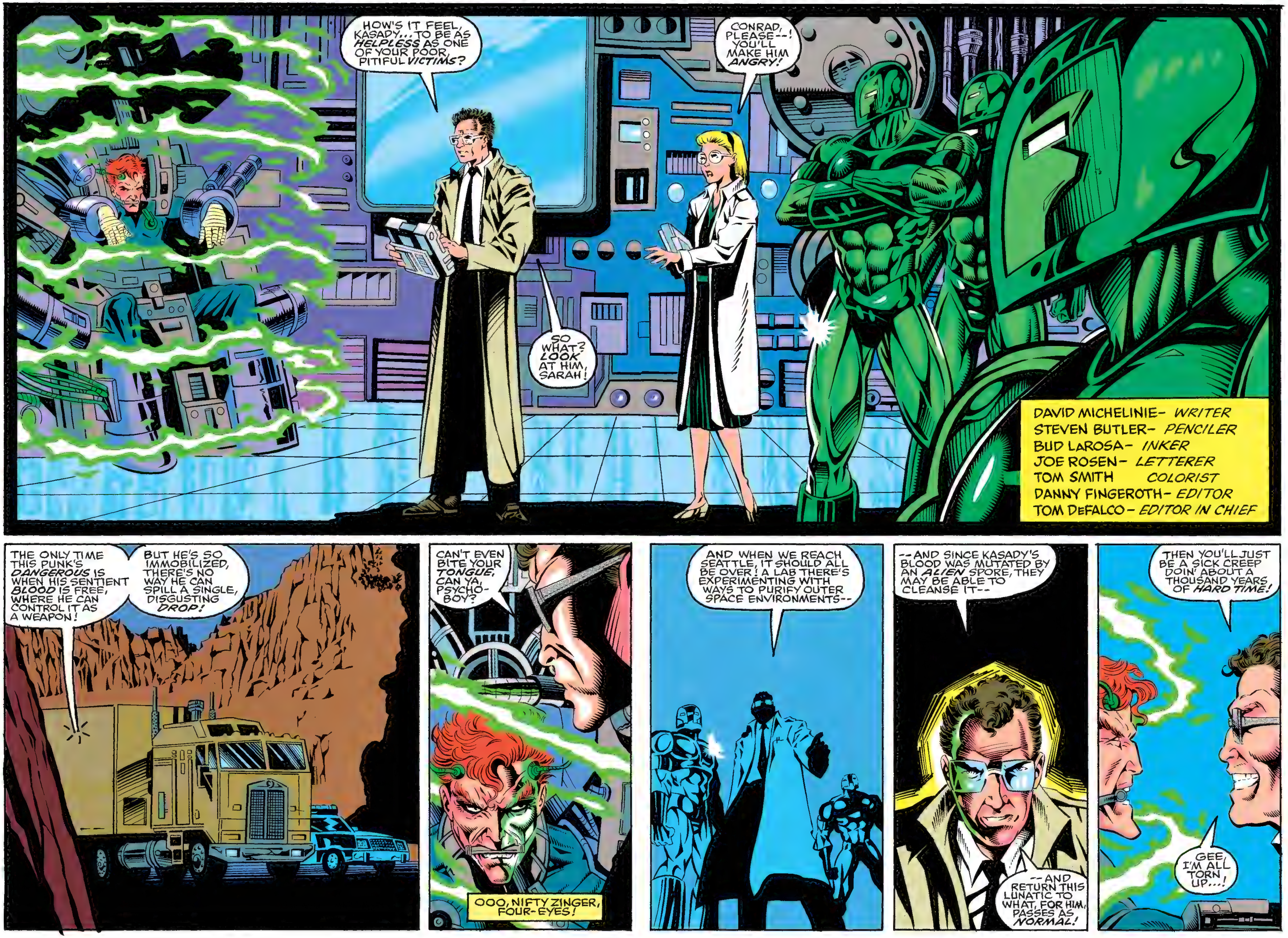

INSIDE A MOBILE TRANSPORT UNIT: COLORADO.
I'M STRAPPED IN STEEL...
...TRUSSED IN LEATHER...
...LOCKED IN ENERGY BANDS THAT'D STOP A TICKED-OFF RHINO!
JERKS HAVE ME HOBBLED SO TIGHT, I GOTTA STRAIN JUST TA *BLINK!*
HEH
IT'S GONNA BE A *GOOD* DAY...!
THE MORTAL PAST


HOW'S IT FEEL, KASADY... TO BE AS *HELPLESS* AS ONE OF YOUR POOR, PITIFUL *VICTIMS?*
CONRAD, PLEASE--! YOU'LL MAKE HIM *ANGRY!*
SO WHAT? *LOOK* AT HIM, SARAH!
THE ONLY TIME THIS PUNK'S *DANGEROUS* IS WHEN HIS SENTIENT *BLOOD* IS FREE, WHERE HE CAN CONTROL IT AS A WEAPON!
BUT HE'S SO IMMOBILIZED, THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN SPILL A SINGLE, DISGUSTING *DROP!*
CAN'T EVEN BITE YOUR *TONGUE,* CAN YA, PSYCHO-BOY?
OOO, NIFTY ZINGER, FOUR-EYES!
AND WHEN WE REACH SEATTLE, IT SHOULD ALL BE OVER! A LAB THERE'S EXPERIMENTING WITH WAYS TO PURIFY OUTER SPACE ENVIRONMENTS--
--AND SINCE KASADY'S BLOOD WAS MUTATED BY AN *ALIEN* SPORE, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO CLEANSE IT--
--AND RETURN THIS LUNATIC TO WHAT, FOR HIM, PASSES AS *NORMAL!*
THEN YOU'LL JUST BE A SICK CREEP DOIN' ABOUT A THOUSAND YEARS OF *HARD TIME!*
GEE, I'M ALL TORN UP...!

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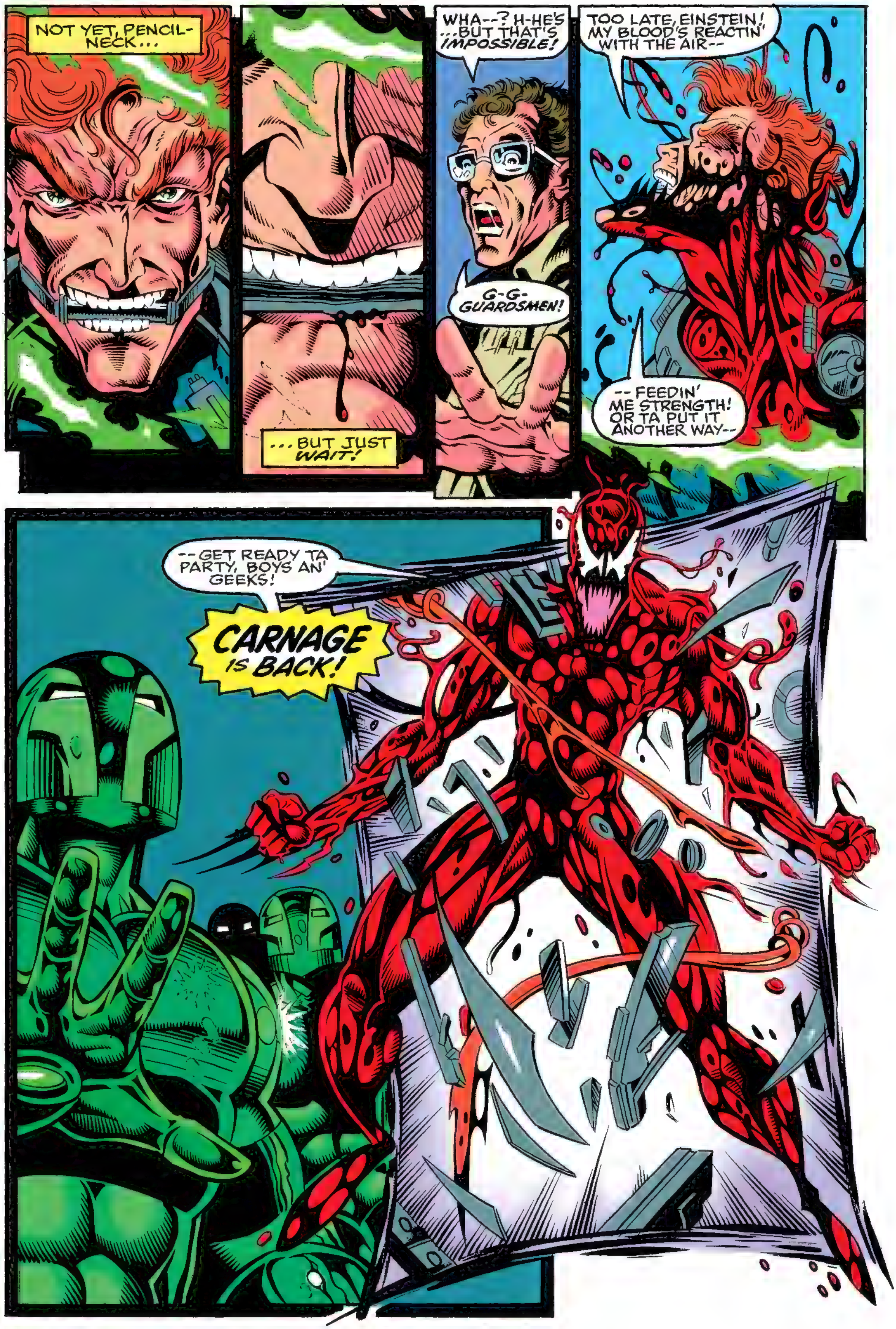
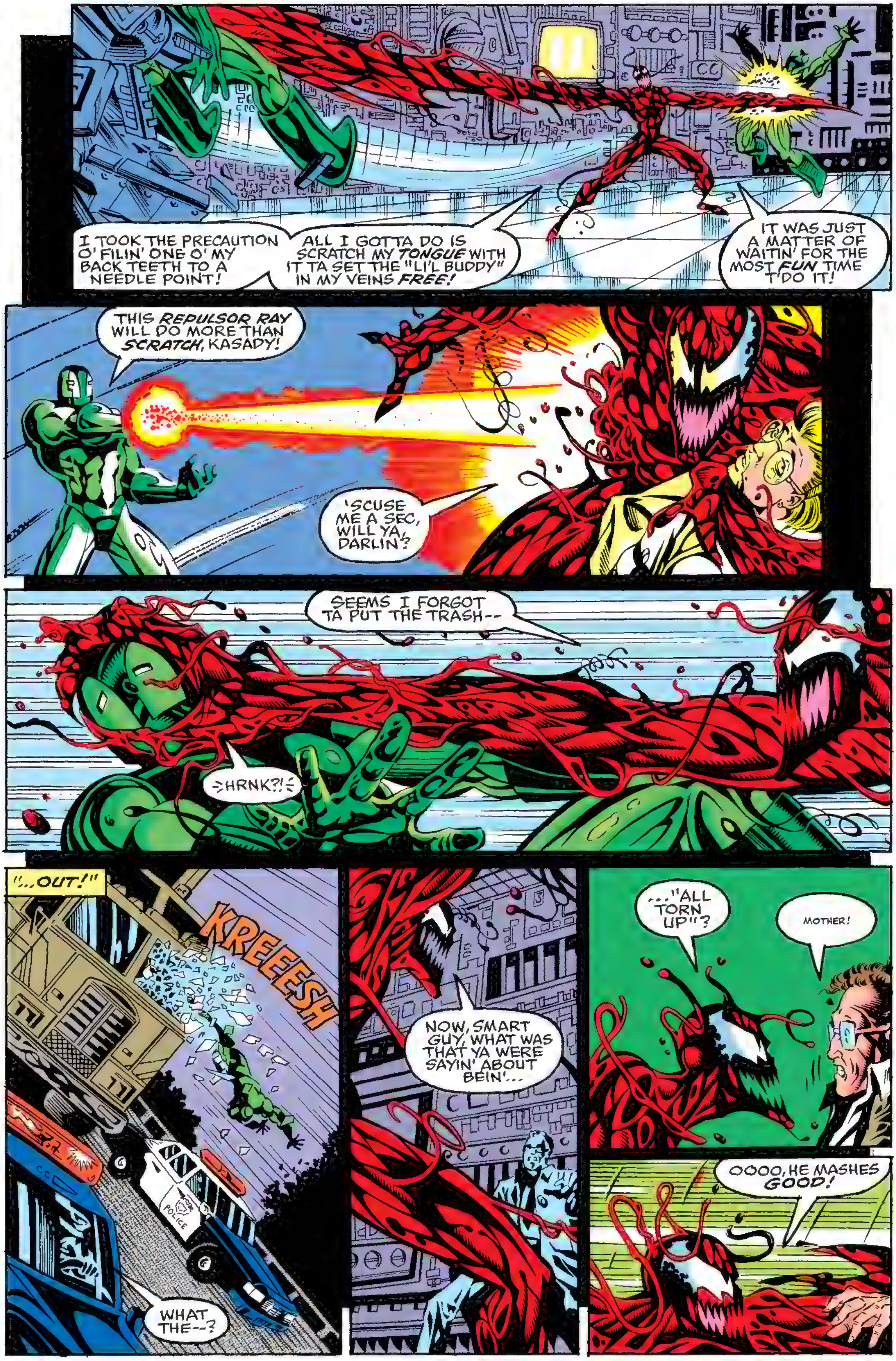
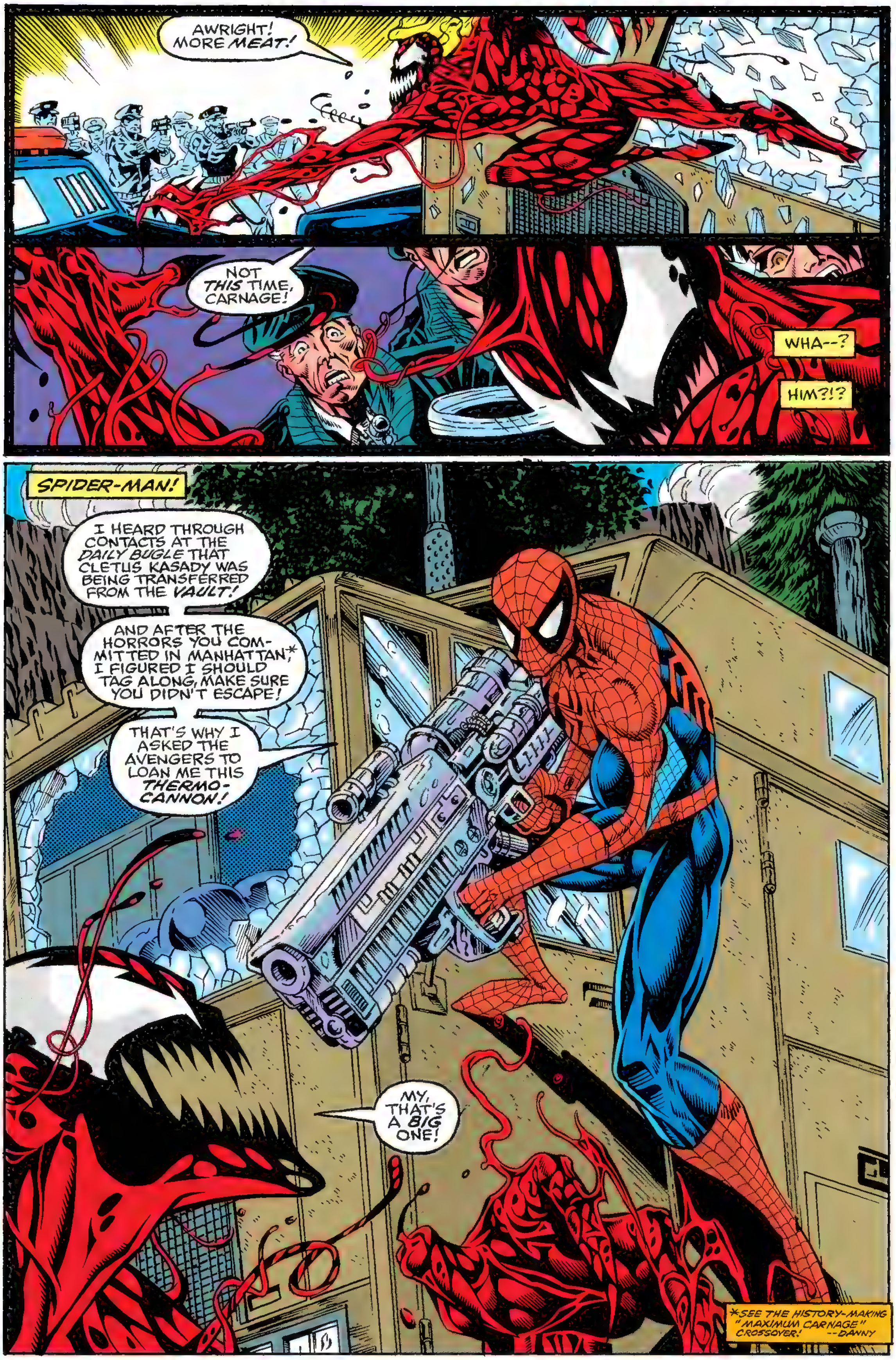
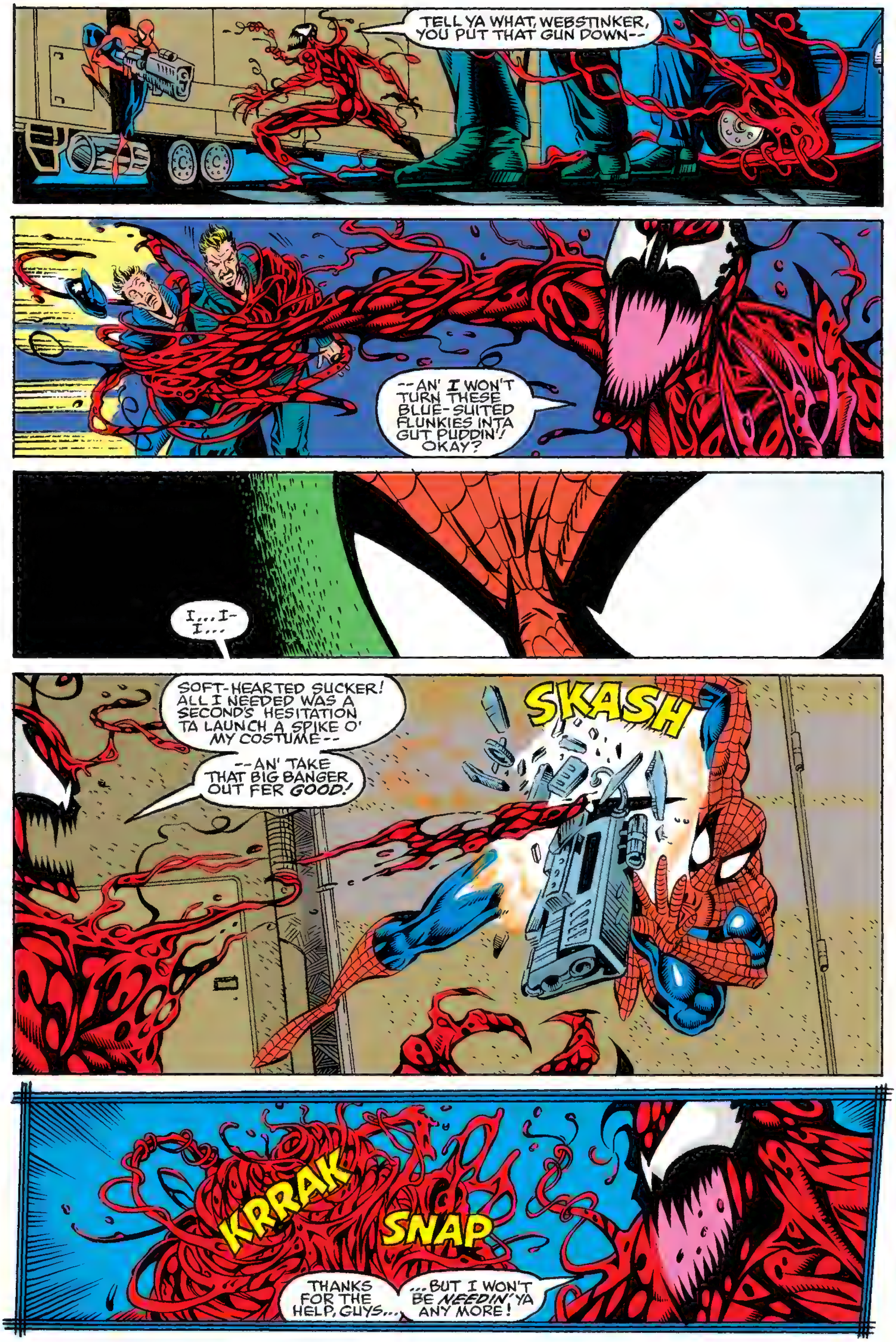
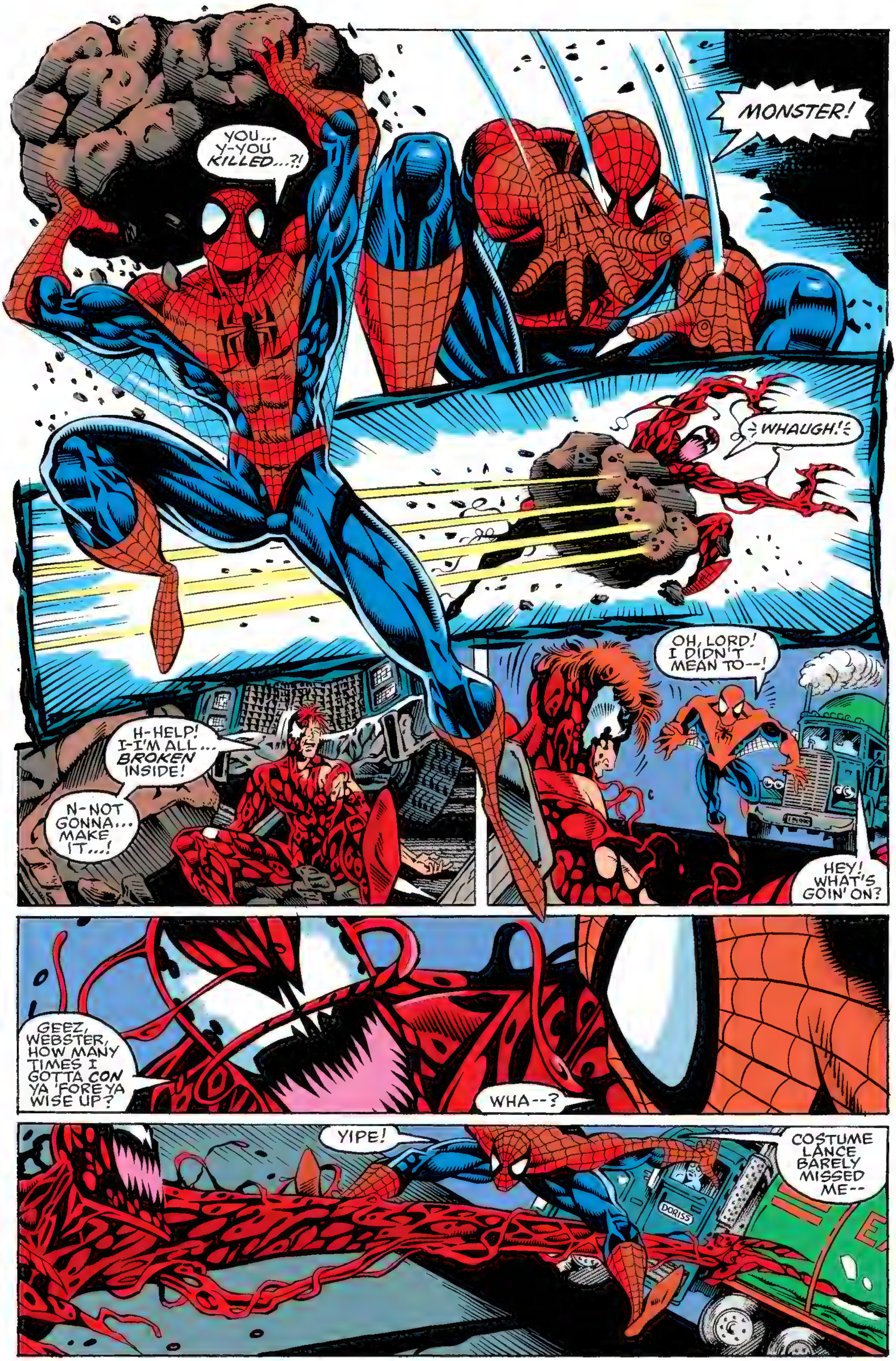
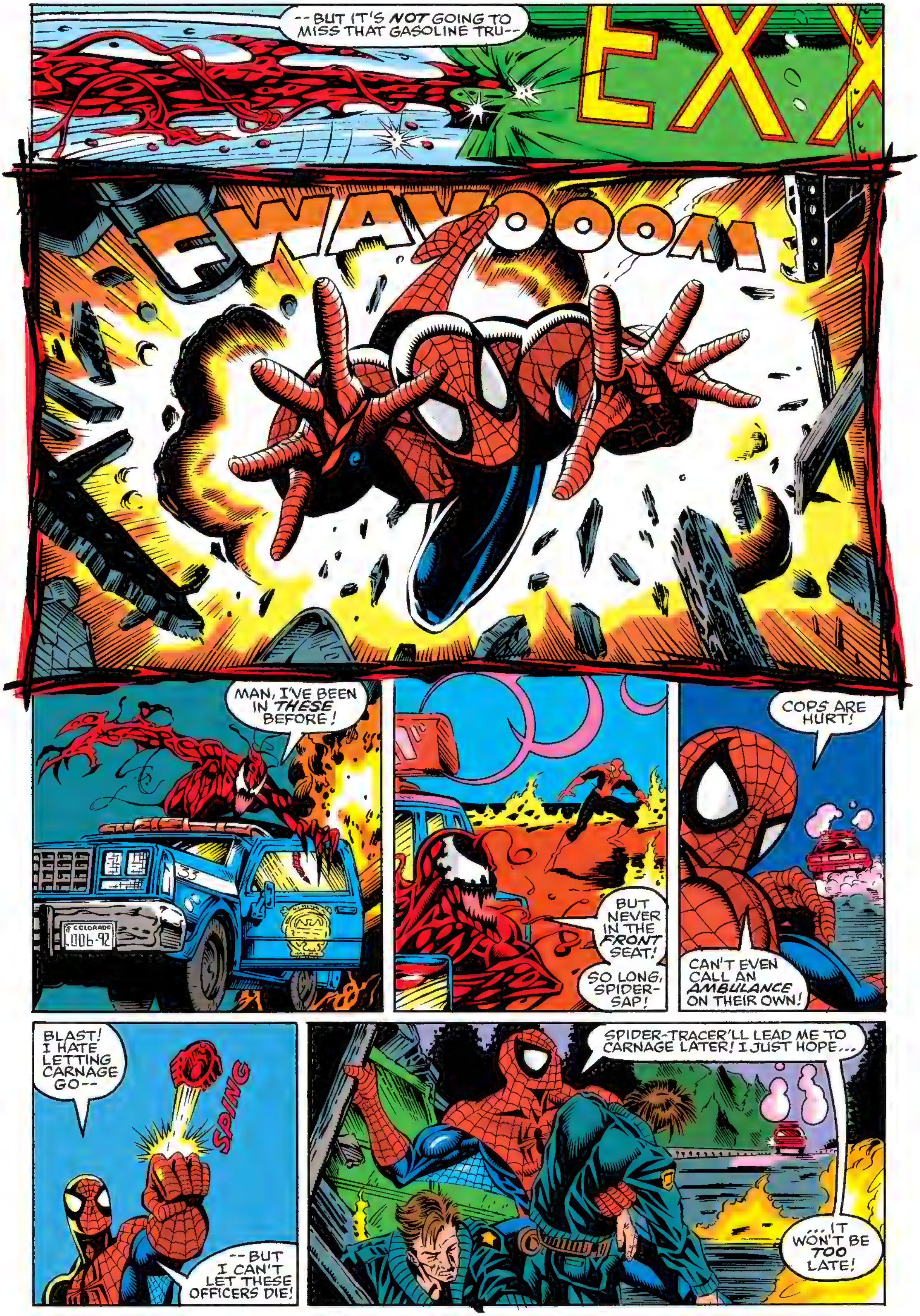

NOT YET, PENCIL-NECK...
...BUT JUST *WAIT!*
WHA--? H-HE'S ...BUT THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE!*
G-G-GUARDSMEN!
TOO LATE, EINSTEIN! MY BLOOD'S REACTIN' WITH THE AIR--
--FEEDIN' ME STRENGTH! OR TA PUT IT ANOTHER WAY--
--GET READY TA PARTY, BOYS AN' GEEKS!
CARNAGE IS BACK!

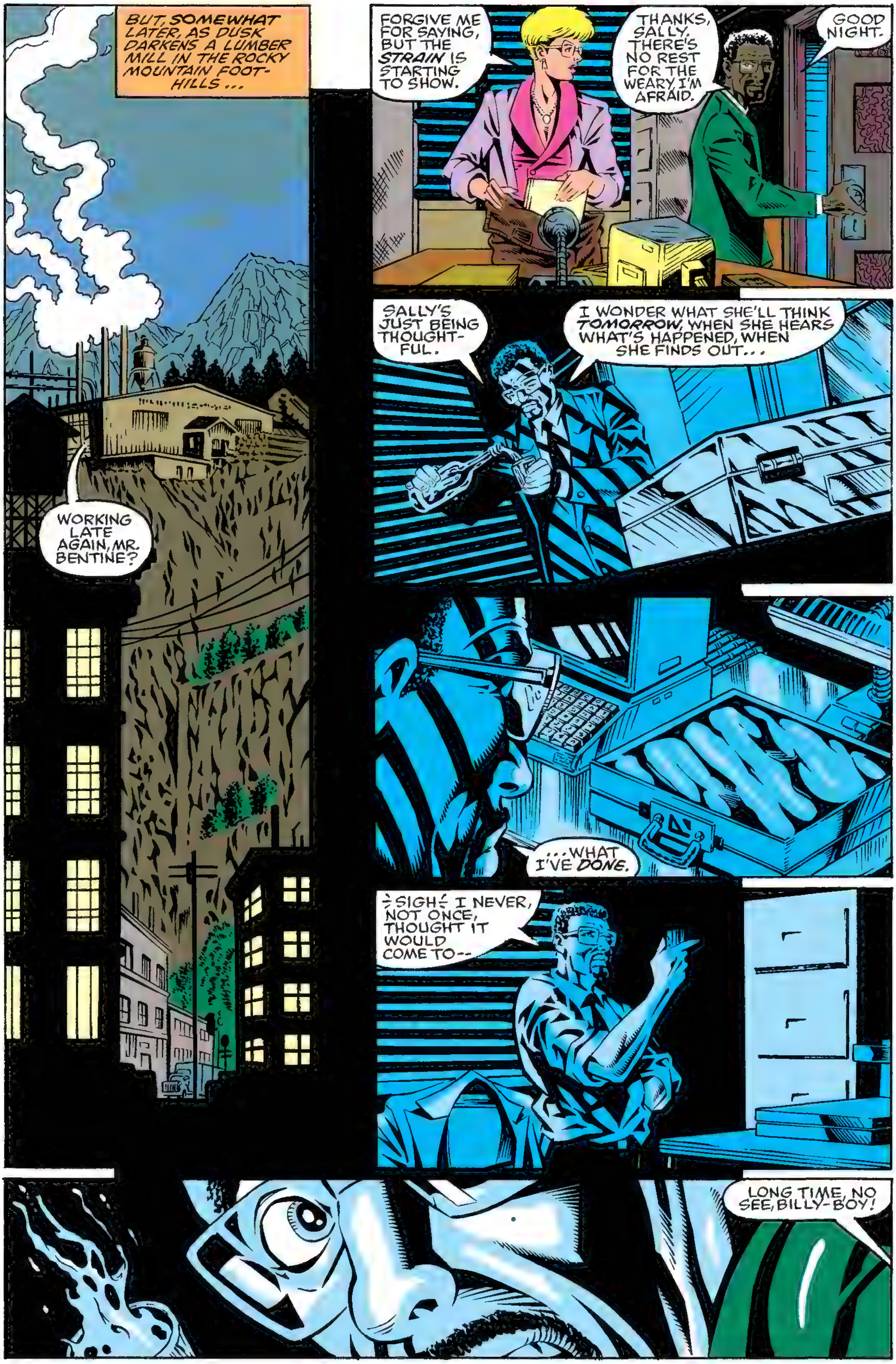

I TOOK THE PRECAUTION O' FILIN' ONE O' MY BACK TEETH TO A NEEDLE POINT!
ALL I GOTTA DO IS SCRATCH MY *TONGUE* WITH IT TA SET THE "LI'L BUDDY" IN MY VEINS *FREE!*
IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF WAITIN' FOR THE MOST *FUN* TIME T'DO IT!
THIS *REPULSOR RAY* WILL DO MORE THAN *SCRATCH*, KASADY!
'SCUSE ME A SEC, WILL YA, DARLIN'?
SEEMS I FORGOT TA PUT THE TRASH--
HRNK?!
"...OUT!"
KREEESH
WHAT THE--?
NOW, SMART GUY, WHAT WAS THAT YA WERE SAYIN' ABOUT BEIN'...
..."ALL TORN UP"?
MOTHER!
OOOO, HE MASHES *GOOD!*

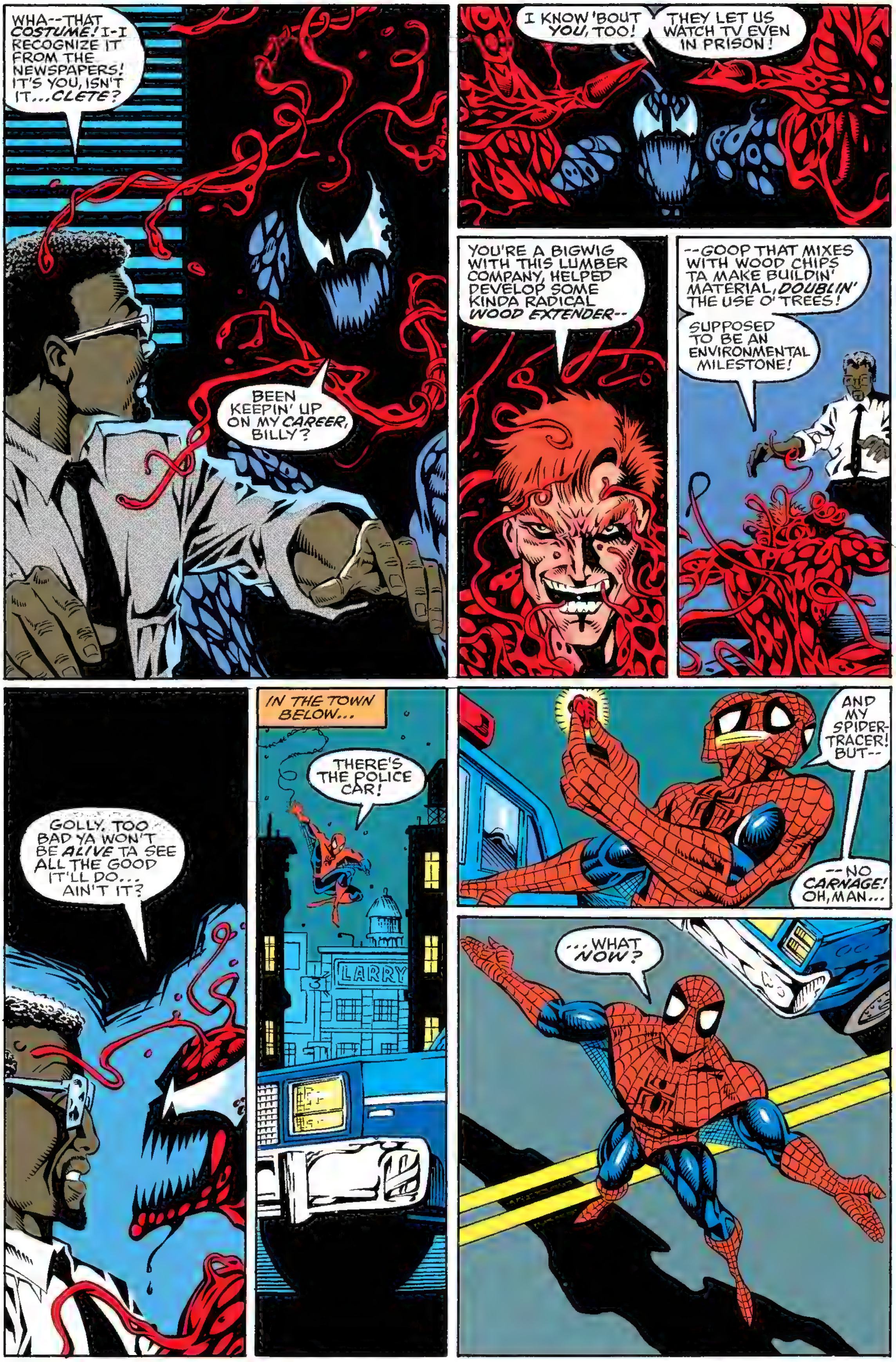

AWRIGHT! MORE *MEAT!*
NOT *THIS* TIME, CARNAGE!
WHA--?
HIM?!?
SPIDER-MAN!
I HEARD THROUGH CONTACTS AT THE *DAILY BUGLE* THAT CLETUS KASADY WAS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE *VAULT!*
AND AFTER THE HORRORS YOU COMMITTED IN MANHATTAN,* I FIGURED I SHOULD TAG ALONG, MAKE SURE YOU DIDN'T ESCAPE!
THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE AVENGERS TO LOAN ME THIS *THERMO-CANNON!*
MY, THAT'S A *BIG* ONE!
*SEE THE HISTORY-MAKING "MAXIMUM CARNAGE" CROSSOVER! --DANNY

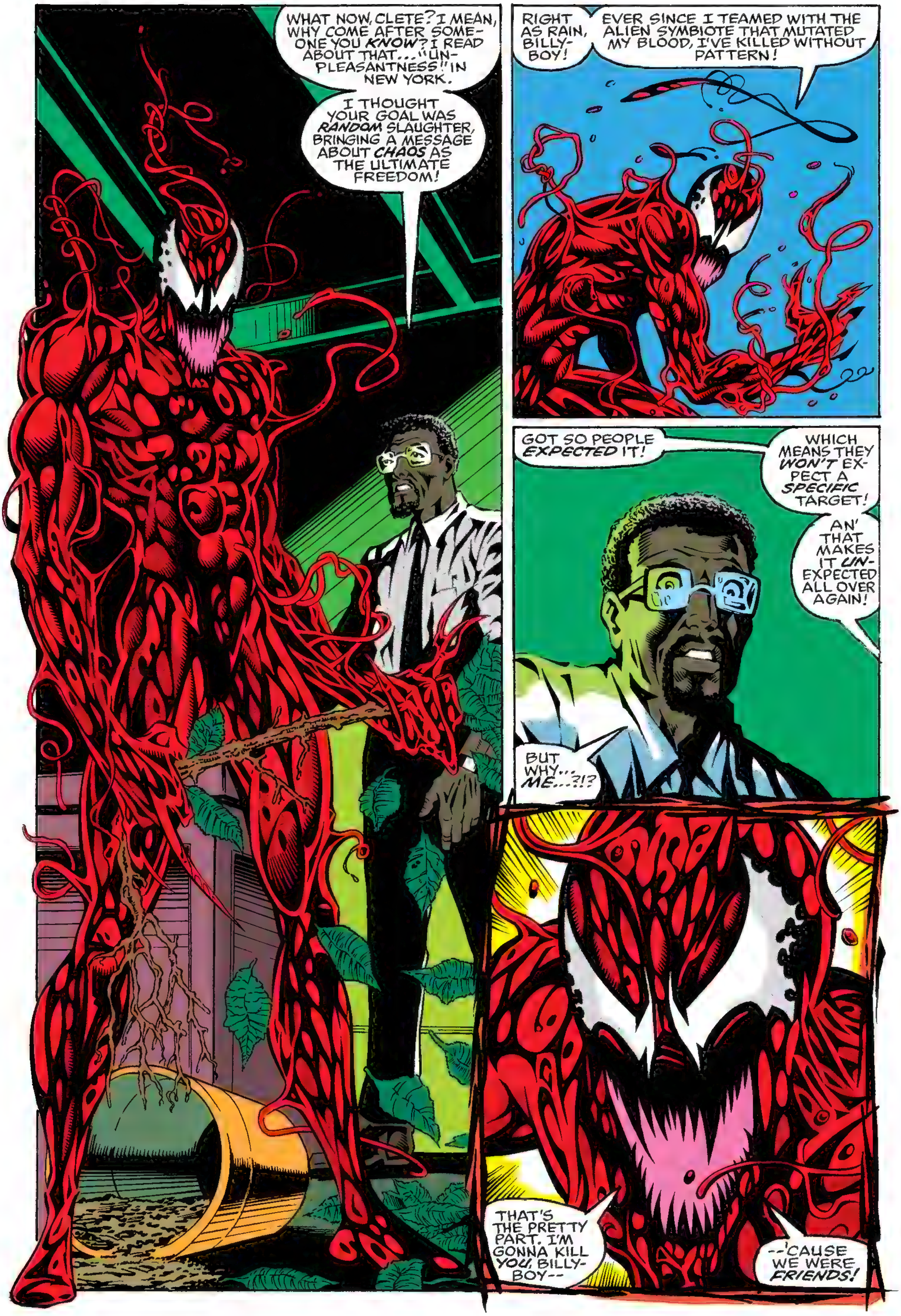

TELL YA WHAT, WEBSTINKER, YOU PUT THAT GUN DOWN--
--AN' I WON'T TURN THESE BLUE-SUITED FLUNKIES INTA GUT PUDDIN'! OKAY?
I... I-I...
SOFT-HEARTED SUCKER! ALL I NEEDED WAS A SECOND'S HESITATION TA LAUNCH A SPIKE O' MY COSTUME--
--AN' TAKE THAT BIG BANGER OUT FER GOOD!
SKASH
KRRAK
SNAP
THANKS FOR THE HELP, GUYS...
...BUT I WON'T BE NEEDIN' YA ANY MORE!

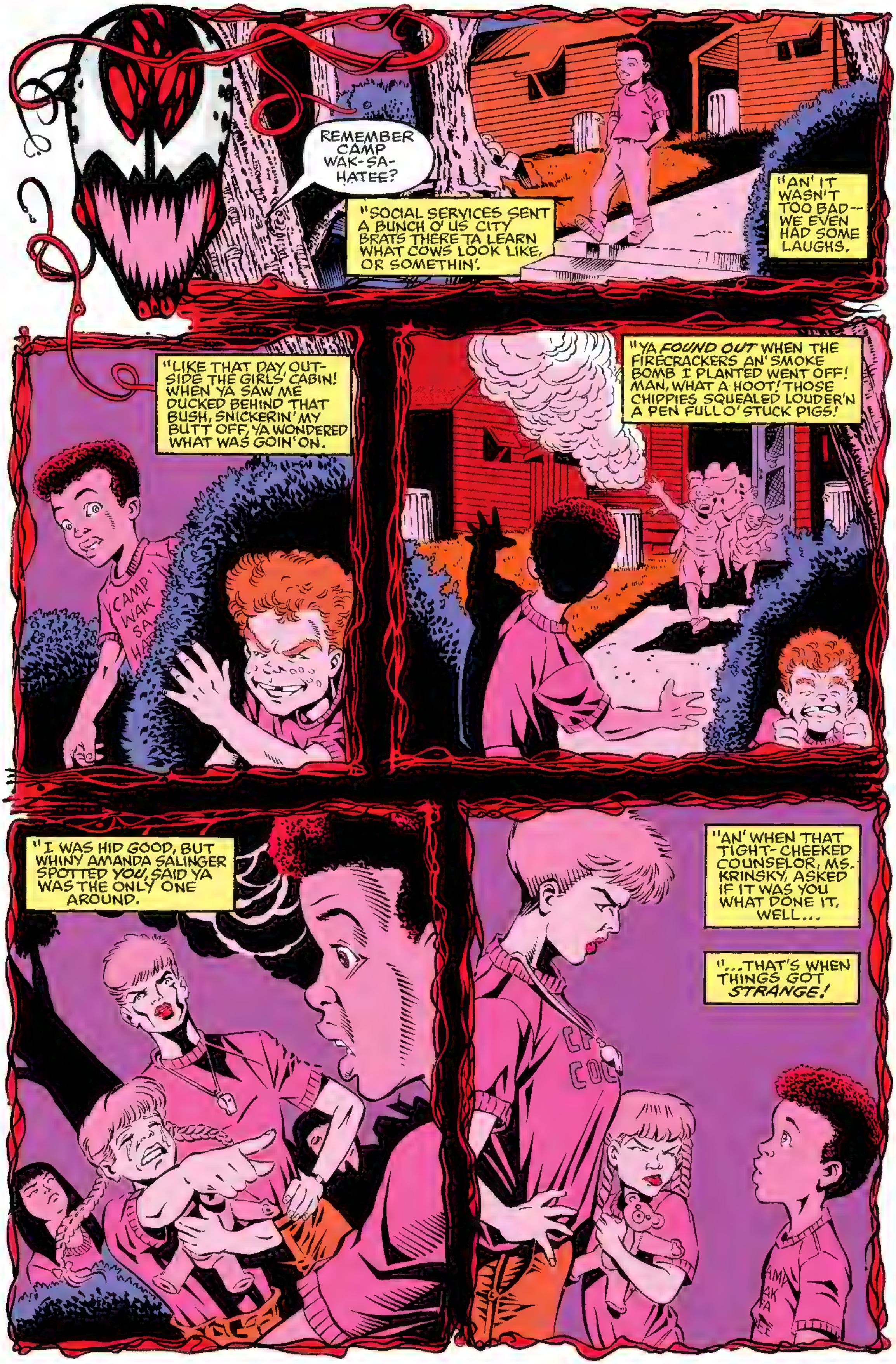

YOU... Y-YOU *KILLED*...?!
MONSTER!
WHAUGH!
H-HELP! I-I'M ALL... *BROKEN* INSIDE!
N-NOT GONNA... MAKE IT...!
OH, LORD! I DIDN'T MEAN TO--!
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
GEEZ, WEBSTER, HOW MANY TIMES I GOTTA *CON* YA 'FORE YA WISE UP?
WHA--?
YIPE!
DORISS
COSTUME LANCE BARELY MISSED ME--

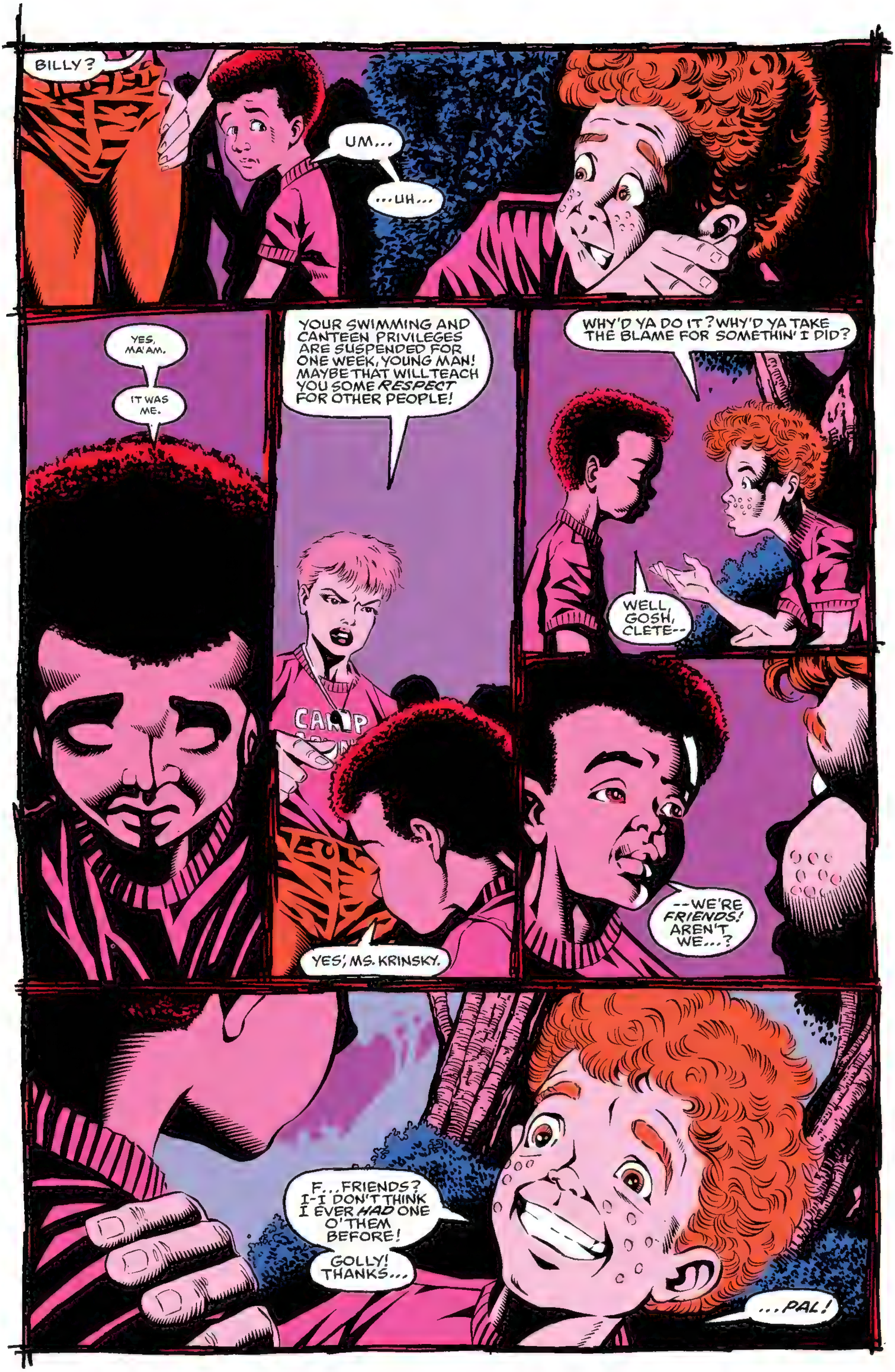

--BUT IT'S *NOT* GOING TO MISS THAT GASOLINE TRU--
EXX
FWAVOOOM
MAN, I'VE BEEN IN *THESE* BEFORE!
COLORADO
006-92
BUT NEVER IN THE *FRONT* SEAT!
SO LONG, SPIDER-SAP!
COPS ARE HURT!
CAN'T EVEN CALL AN *AMBULANCE* ON THEIR OWN!
BLAST! I HATE LETTING CARNAGE GO--
SPING
--BUT I CAN'T LET THESE OFFICERS DIE!
SPIDER-TRACER'LL LEAD ME TO CARNAGE LATER! I JUST HOPE...
...IT WON'T BE *TOO* LATE!

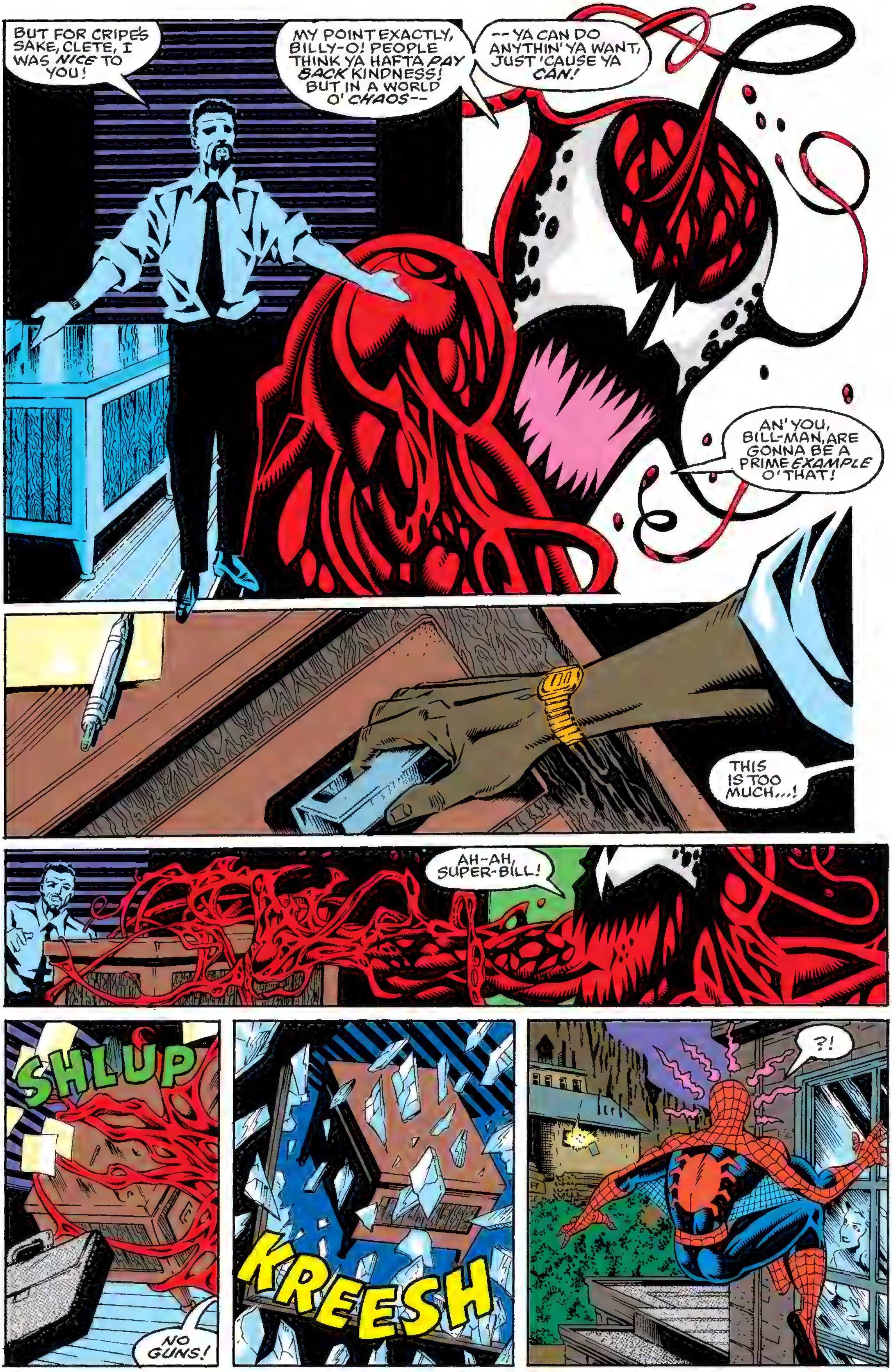

BUT, SOMEWHAT LATER, AS DUSK DARKENS A LUMBER MILL IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOOTHILLS...
WORKING LATE AGAIN, MR. BENTINE?
FORGIVE ME FOR SAYING, BUT THE *STRAIN* IS STARTING TO SHOW.
THANKS, SALLY. THERE'S NO REST FOR THE WEARY, I'M AFRAID.
GOOD NIGHT.
SALLY'S JUST BEING THOUGHTFUL.
I WONDER WHAT SHE'LL THINK *TOMORROW*, WHEN SHE HEARS WHAT'S HAPPENED, WHEN SHE FINDS OUT...
...WHAT I'VE *DONE*.
⸗SIGH⸗ I NEVER, NOT ONCE, THOUGHT IT WOULD COME TO--
LONG TIME, NO SEE, BILLY-BOY!

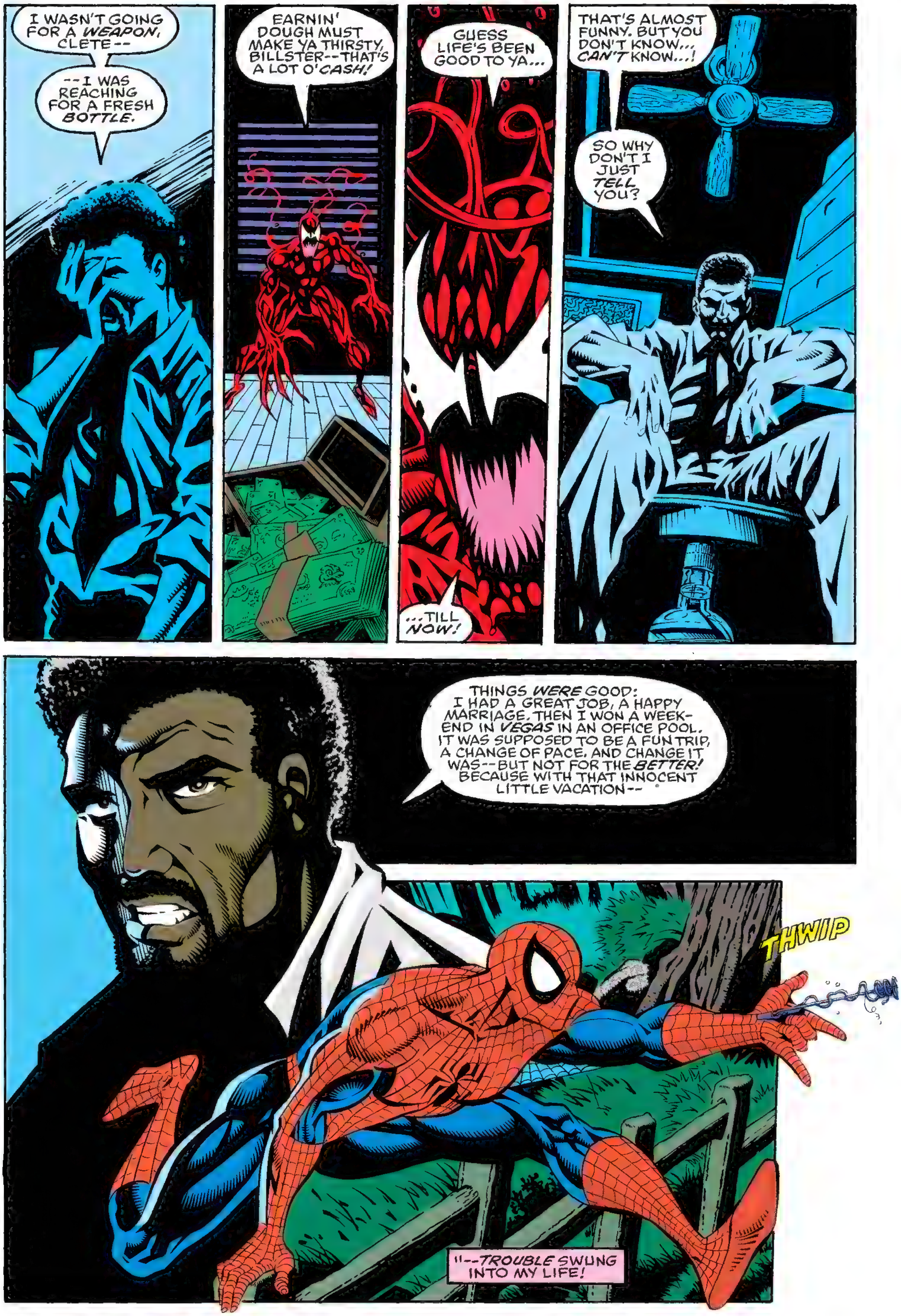

WHA--THAT *COSTUME!* I-I RECOGNIZE IT FROM THE NEWSPAPERS! IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT... *CLETE?*
BEEN KEEPIN' UP ON MY *CAREER,* BILLY?
I KNOW 'BOUT *YOU,* TOO!
THEY LET US WATCH TV EVEN IN PRISON!
YOU'RE A BIGWIG WITH THIS LUMBER COMPANY, HELPED DEVELOP SOME KINDA RADICAL *WOOD EXTENDER--*
--GOOP THAT MIXES WITH WOOD CHIPS TA MAKE BUILDIN' MATERIAL, *DOUBLIN'* THE USE O' TREES!
SUPPOSED TO BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL MILESTONE!
GOLLY, TOO BAD YA WON'T BE *ALIVE* TA SEE ALL THE GOOD IT'LL DO... AIN'T IT?
IN THE TOWN BELOW...
THERE'S THE POLICE CAR!
LARRY
AND MY SPIDER-TRACER! BUT--
--NO *CARNAGE!* OH, MAN...
...WHAT *NOW?*

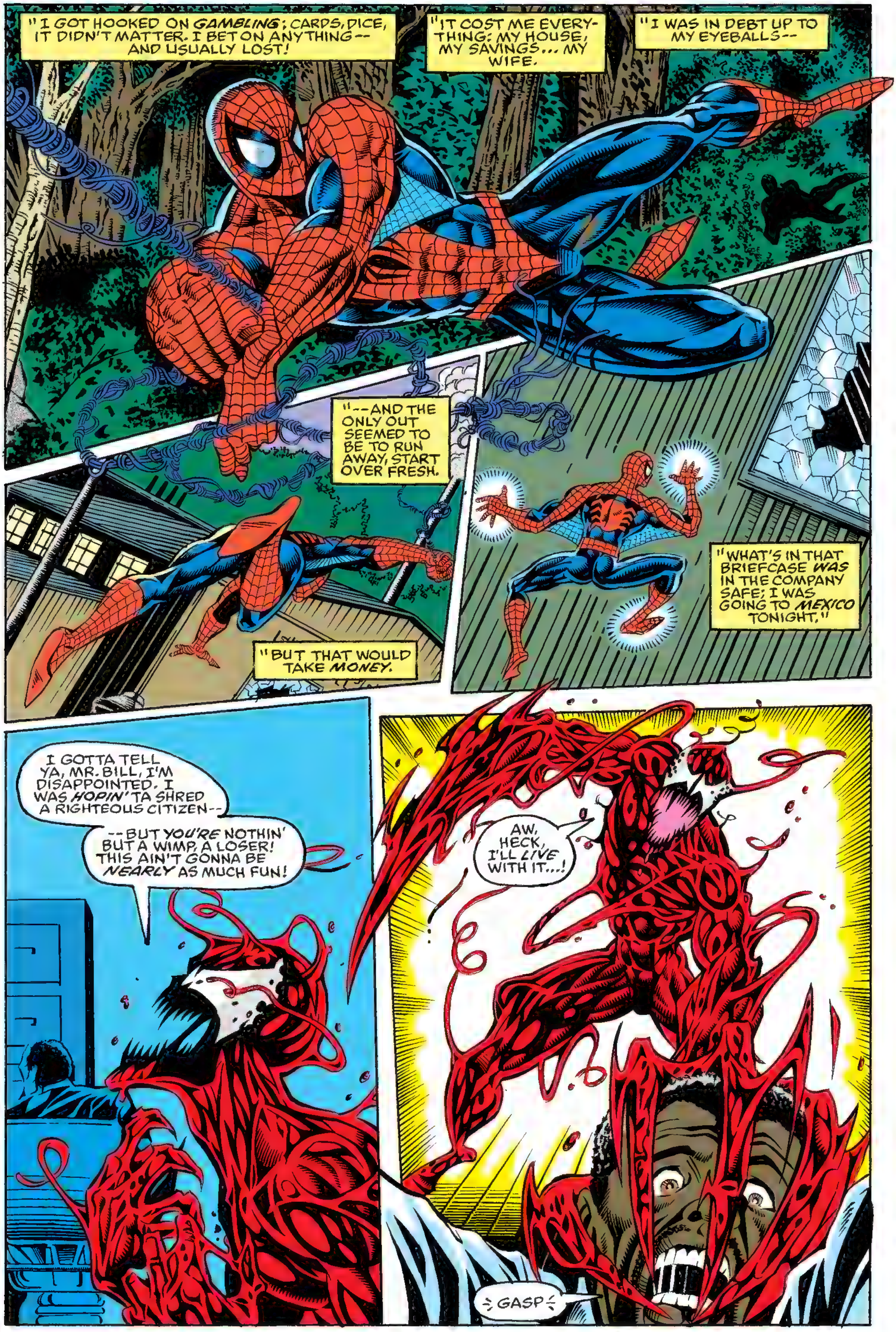

WHAT NOW, CLETE? I MEAN, WHY COME AFTER SOMEONE YOU *KNOW*? I READ ABOUT THAT... "UNPLEASANTNESS" IN NEW YORK.
I THOUGHT YOUR GOAL WAS *RANDOM* SLAUGHTER, BRINGING A MESSAGE ABOUT *CHAOS* AS THE ULTIMATE FREEDOM!
RIGHT AS RAIN, BILLY-BOY!
EVER SINCE I TEAMED WITH THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE THAT MUTATED MY BLOOD, I'VE KILLED WITHOUT PATTERN!
GOT SO PEOPLE *EXPECTED* IT!
WHICH MEANS THEY *WON'T* EXPECT A *SPECIFIC* TARGET!
AN' THAT MAKES IT *UN*-EXPECTED ALL OVER AGAIN!
BUT WHY... *ME*...?!?
THAT'S THE PRETTY PART. I'M GONNA KILL *YOU*, BILLY-BOY--
--'CAUSE WE WERE *FRIENDS*!

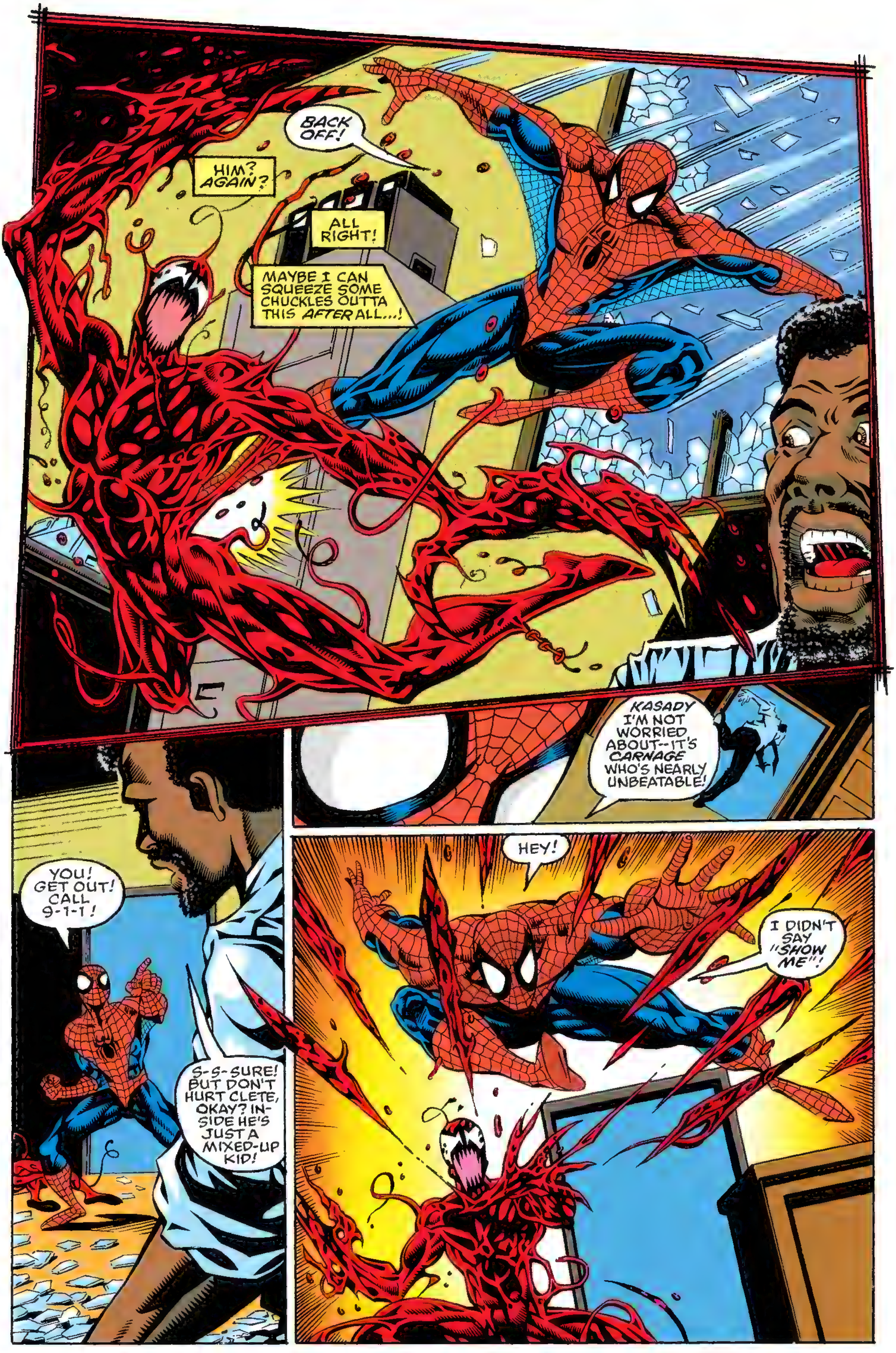

REMEMBER CAMP WAK-SA-HATEE?
"SOCIAL SERVICES SENT A BUNCH O' US CITY BRATS THERE TA LEARN WHAT COWS LOOK LIKE, OR SOMETHIN'.
"AN' IT WASN'T TOO BAD-- WE EVEN HAD SOME LAUGHS.
"LIKE THAT DAY OUTSIDE THE GIRLS' CABIN! WHEN YA SAW ME DUCKED BEHIND THAT BUSH, SNICKERIN' MY BUTT OFF, YA WONDERED WHAT WAS GOIN' ON.
CAMP WAK SA HA
"YA *FOUND OUT* WHEN THE FIRECRACKERS AN' SMOKE BOMB I PLANTED WENT OFF! MAN, WHAT A HOOT! THOSE CHIPPIES SQUEALED LOUDER'N A PEN FULL O' STUCK PIGS!
"I WAS HID GOOD, BUT WHINY AMANDA SALINGER SPOTTED *YOU*, SAID YA WAS THE ONLY ONE AROUND.
"AN' WHEN THAT TIGHT-CHEEKED COUNSELOR, MS. KRINSKY, ASKED IF IT WAS YOU WHAT DONE IT, WELL...
"...THAT'S WHEN THINGS GOT *STRANGE*!

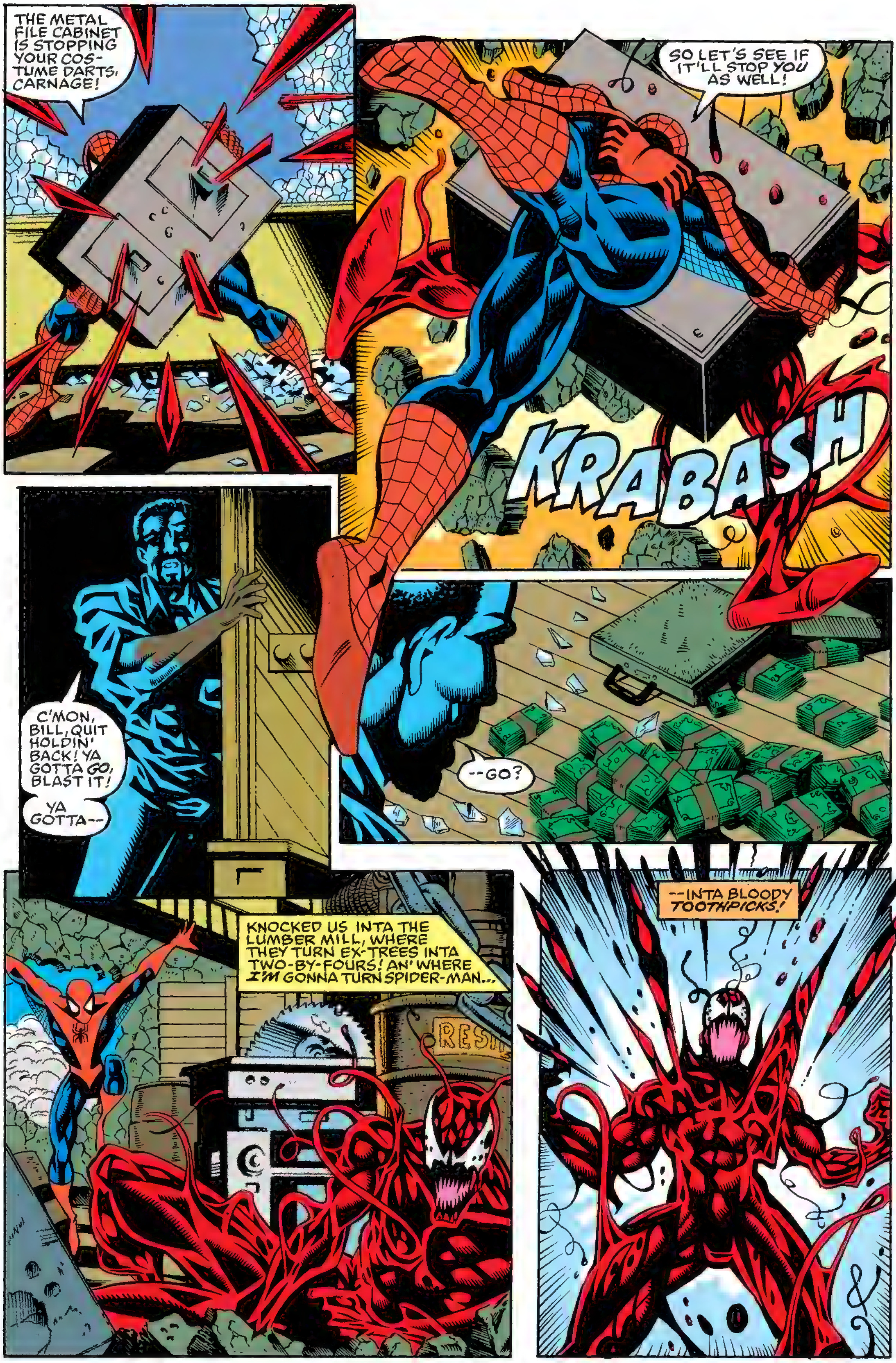

BILLY?
UM...
...UH...
YES, MA'AM.
IT WAS ME.
YOUR SWIMMING AND CANTEEN PRIVILEGES ARE SUSPENDED FOR ONE WEEK, YOUNG MAN! MAYBE THAT WILL TEACH YOU SOME *RESPECT* FOR OTHER PEOPLE!
CAMP
YES, MS. KRINSKY.
WHY'D YA DO IT? WHY'D YA TAKE THE BLAME FOR SOMETHIN' I DID?
WELL, GOSH, CLETE--
--WE'RE *FRIENDS!* AREN'T WE...?
F...FRIENDS? I-I DON'T THINK I EVER *HAD* ONE O'THEM BEFORE!
GOLLY! THANKS...
...*PAL!*

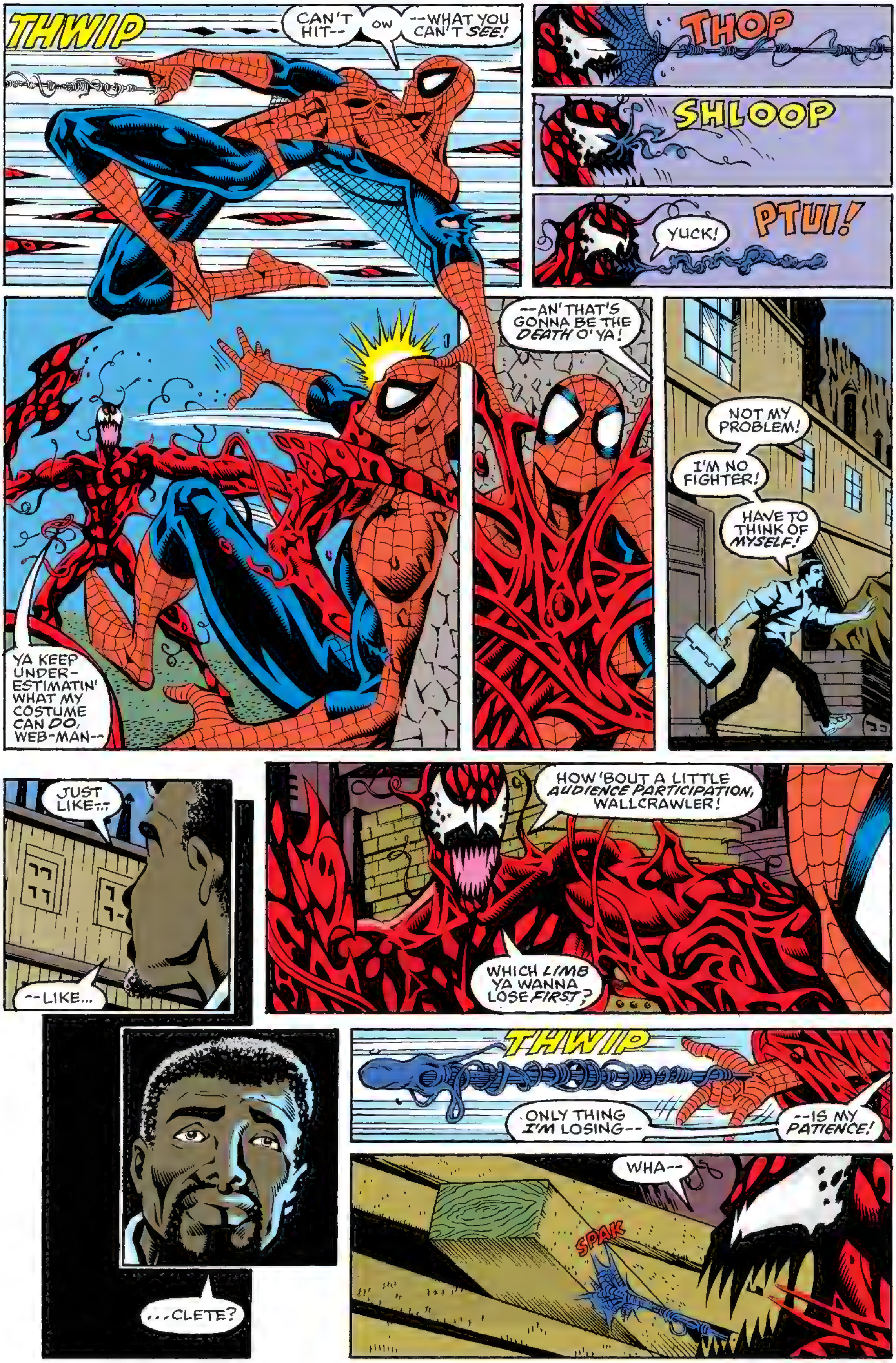

BUT FOR CRIPE'S SAKE, CLETE, I WAS *NICE* TO YOU!
MY POINT EXACTLY, BILLY-O! PEOPLE THINK YA HAFTA *PAY BACK* KINDNESS! BUT IN A WORLD O' *CHAOS*--
--YA CAN DO ANYTHIN' YA WANT, JUST 'CAUSE YA *CAN!*
AN' YOU, BILL-MAN, ARE GONNA BE A PRIME *EXAMPLE* O' THAT!
THIS IS TOO MUCH...!
AH-AH, SUPER-BILL!
SHLUP
NO GUNS!
KREESH
?!

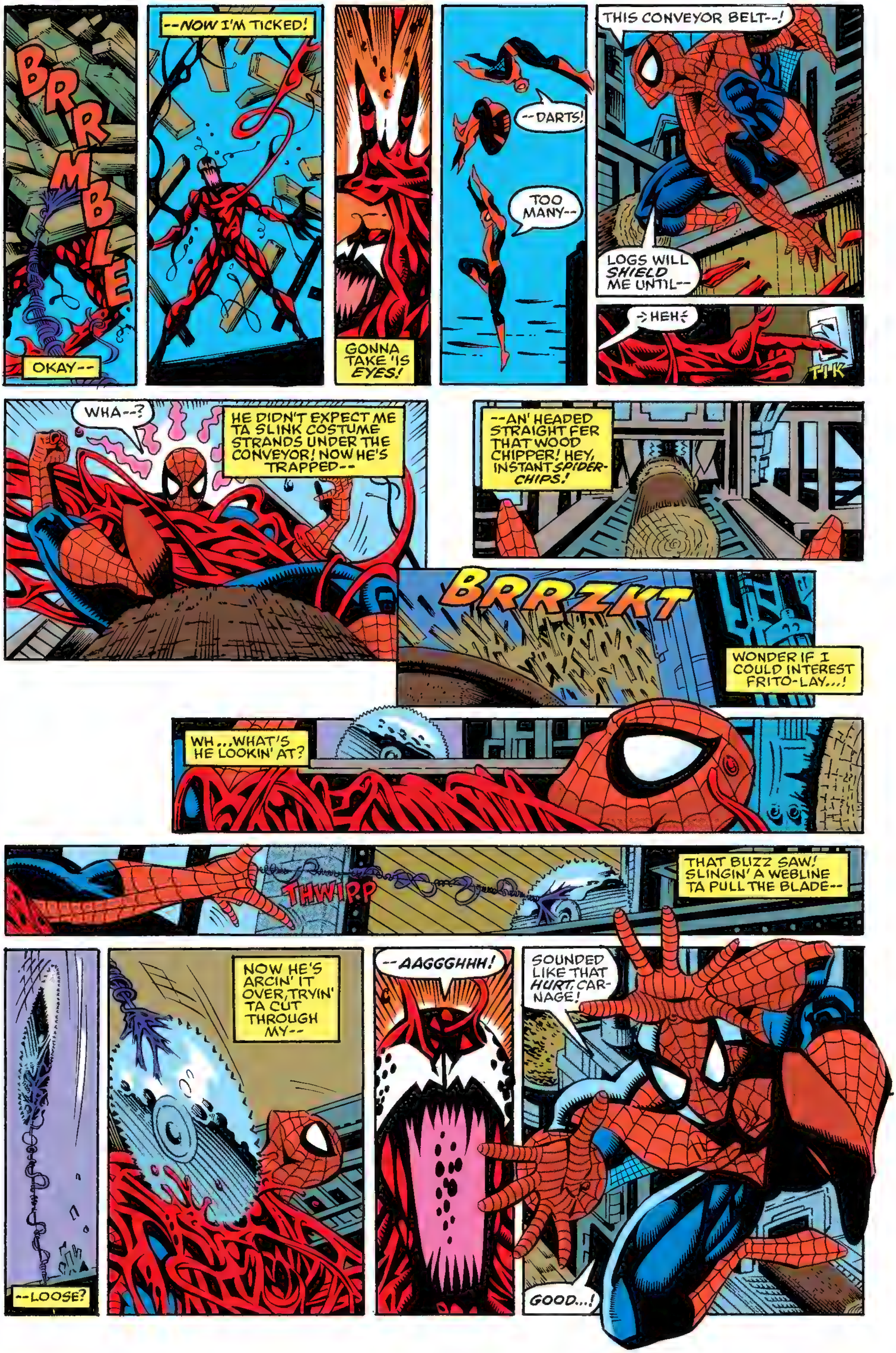

I WASN'T GOING FOR A *WEAPON*, CLETE--
--I WAS REACHING FOR A FRESH *BOTTLE*.
EARNIN' DOUGH MUST MAKE YA THIRSTY, BILLSTER--THAT'S A LOT O' *CASH!*
GUESS LIFE'S BEEN GOOD TO YA...
...TILL *NOW!*
THAT'S ALMOST FUNNY. BUT YOU DON'T KNOW... *CAN'T* KNOW...!
SO WHY DON'T I JUST *TELL* YOU?
THINGS *WERE* GOOD: I HAD A GREAT JOB, A HAPPY MARRIAGE. THEN I WON A WEEKEND IN *VEGAS* IN AN OFFICE POOL. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A FUN TRIP, A CHANGE OF PACE. AND CHANGE IT WAS--BUT NOT FOR THE *BETTER!* BECAUSE WITH THAT INNOCENT LITTLE VACATION--
THWIP
"--*TROUBLE* SWUNG INTO MY LIFE!

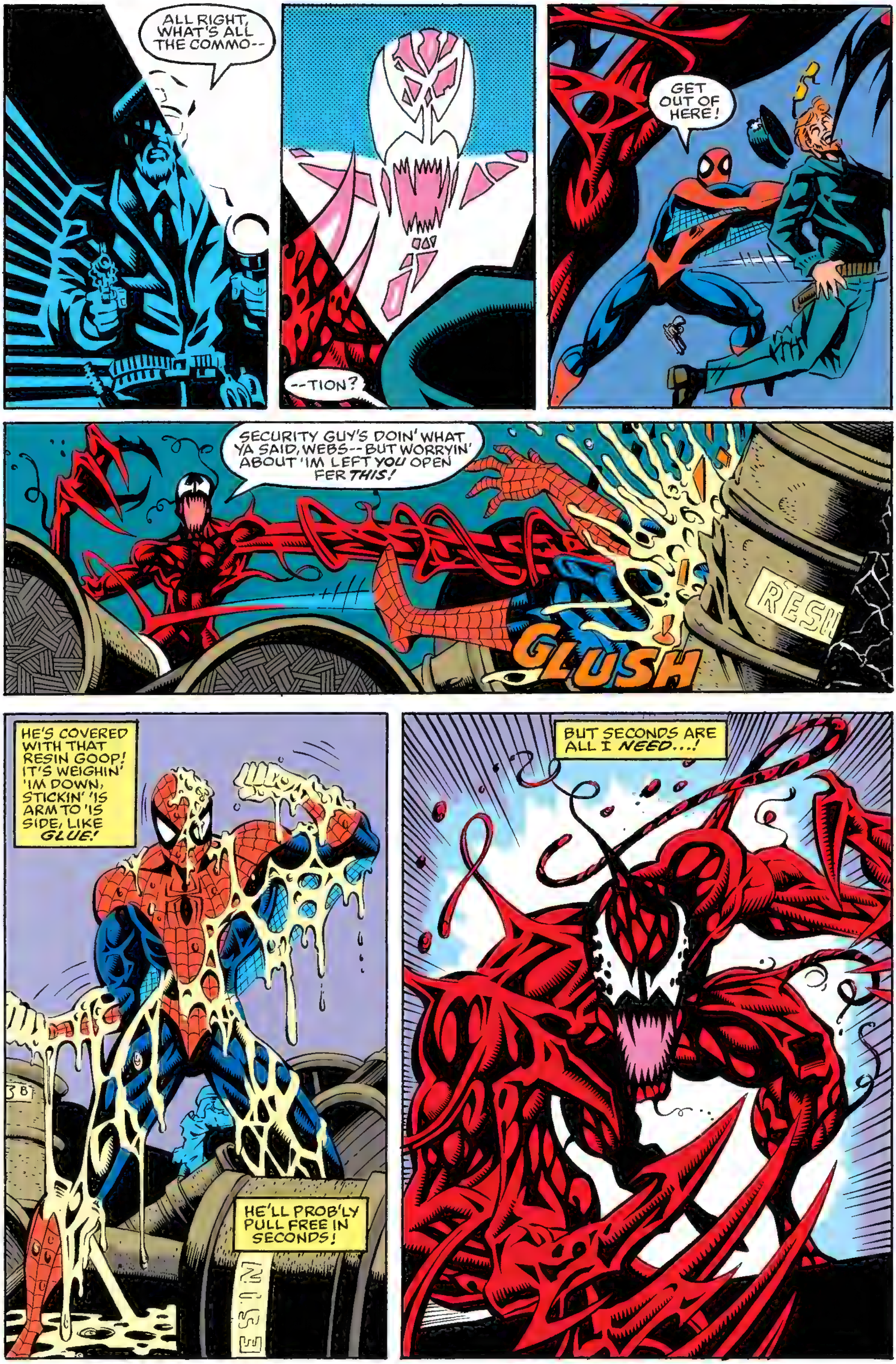

"I GOT HOOKED ON *GAMBLING*; CARDS, DICE, IT DIDN'T MATTER. I BET ON ANYTHING-- AND USUALLY LOST!
"IT COST ME EVERYTHING: MY HOUSE, MY SAVINGS... MY WIFE.
"I WAS IN DEBT UP TO MY EYEBALLS--
"--AND THE ONLY OUT SEEMED TO BE TO RUN AWAY, START OVER FRESH.
"BUT THAT WOULD TAKE *MONEY*.
"WHAT'S IN THAT BRIEFCASE *WAS* IN THE COMPANY SAFE; I WAS GOING TO *MEXICO* TONIGHT."
I GOTTA TELL YA, MR. BILL, I'M DISAPPOINTED. I WAS *HOPIN'* TA SHRED A RIGHTEOUS CITIZEN--
--BUT *YOU'RE* NOTHIN' BUT A WIMP, A LOSER! THIS AIN'T GONNA BE *NEARLY* AS MUCH FUN!
AW, HECK, I'LL *LIVE* WITH IT...!
GASP

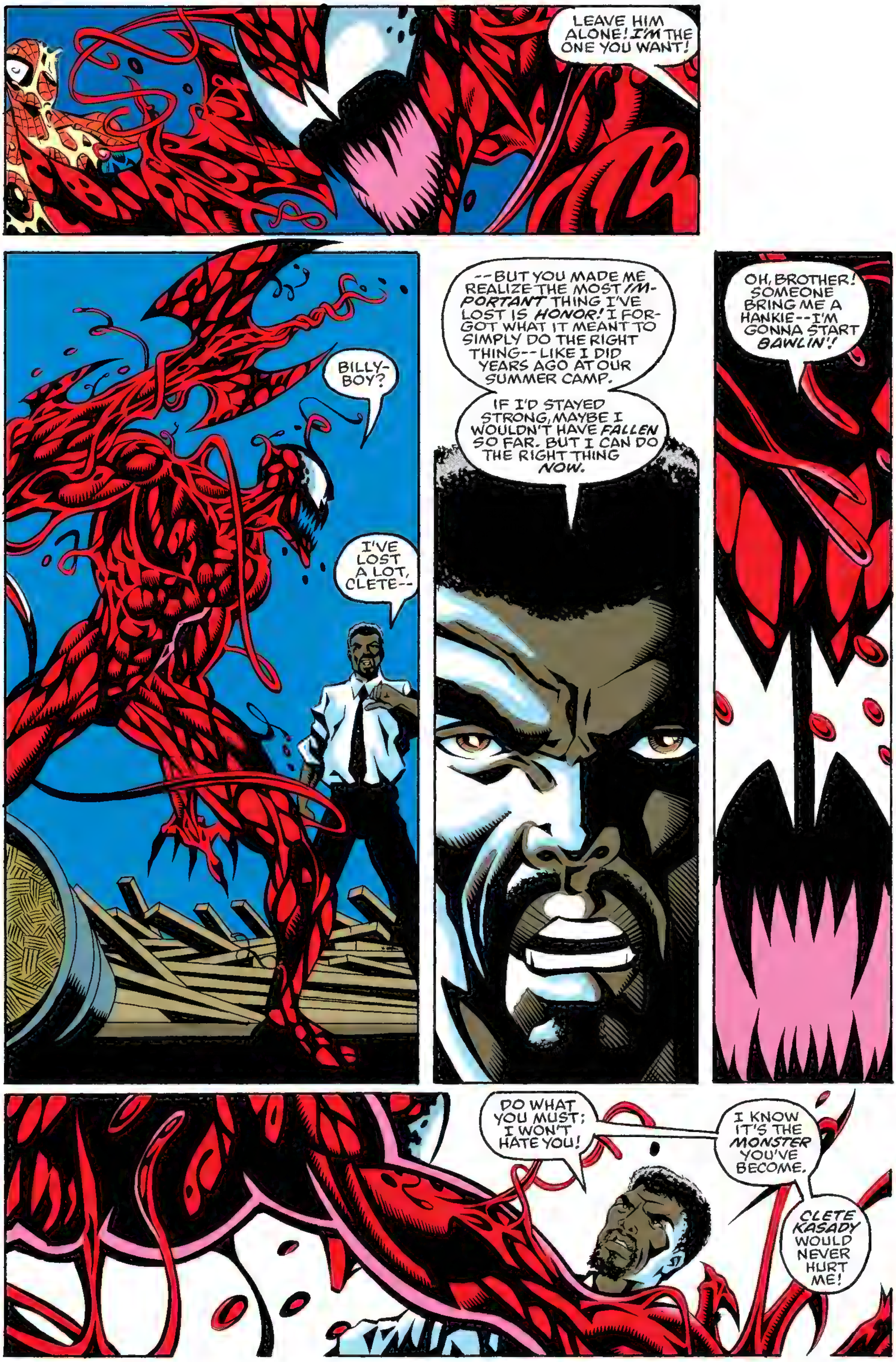

BACK OFF!
HIM? AGAIN?
ALL RIGHT!
MAYBE I CAN SQUEEZE SOME CHUCKLES OUTTA THIS *AFTER* ALL...!
YOU! GET OUT! CALL 9-1-1!
S-S-SURE! BUT DON'T HURT CLETE, OKAY? INSIDE HE'S JUST A MIXED-UP KID!
KASADY I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT--IT'S *CARNAGE* WHO'S NEARLY UNBEATABLE!
HEY!
I DIDN'T SAY "*SHOW ME*"!

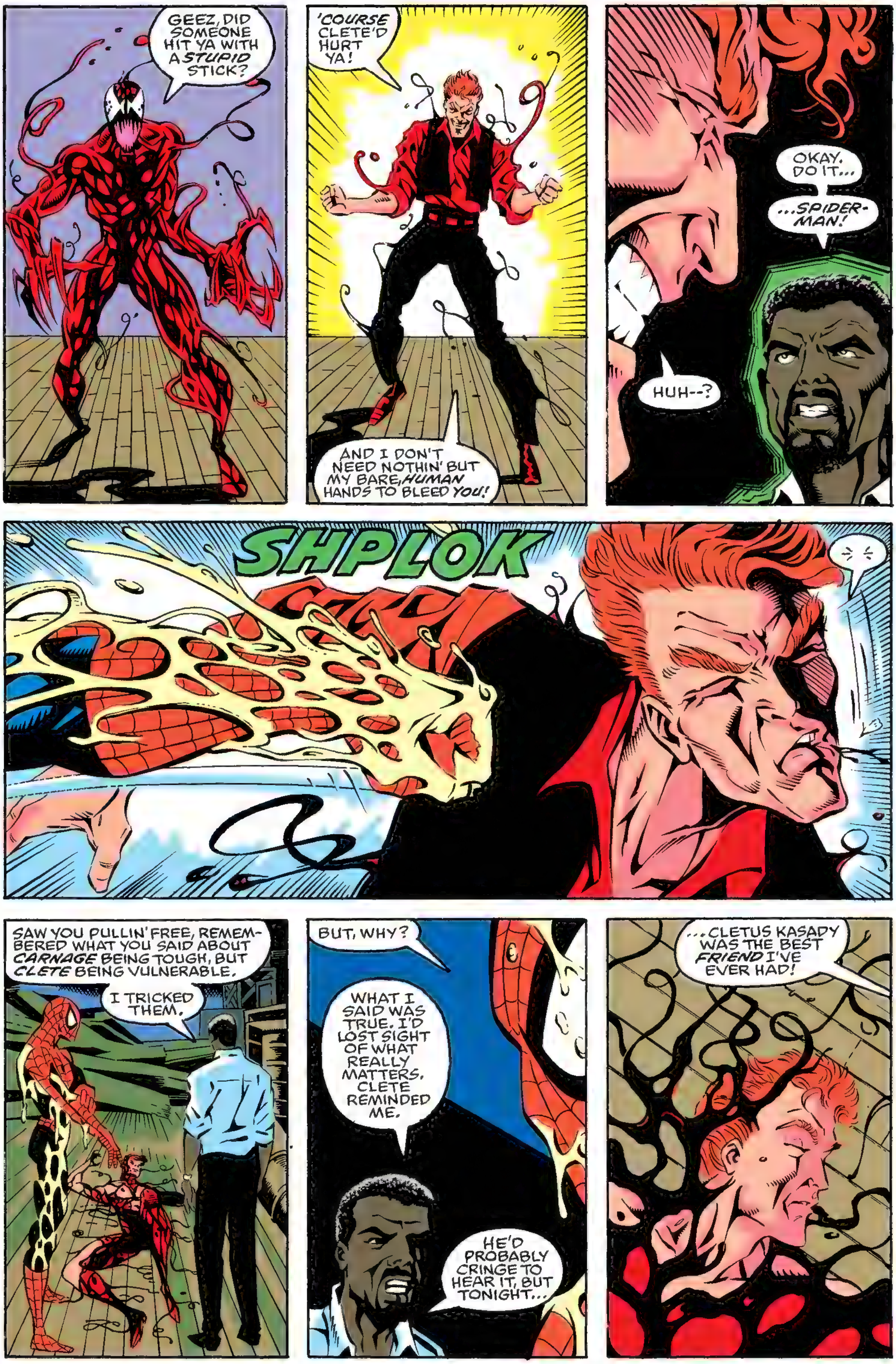

THE METAL FILE CABINET IS STOPPING YOUR COSTUME DARTS, CARNAGE!
SO LET'S SEE IF IT'LL STOP *YOU* AS WELL!
KRABASH
C'MON, BILL, QUIT HOLDIN' BACK! YA GOTTA GO, BLAST IT!
YA GOTTA--
--GO?
KNOCKED US INTA THE LUMBER MILL, WHERE THEY TURN EX-TREES INTA TWO-BY-FOURS! AN' WHERE *I'M* GONNA TURN SPIDER-MAN...
RESI
--INTA BLOODY *TOOTHPICKS!*

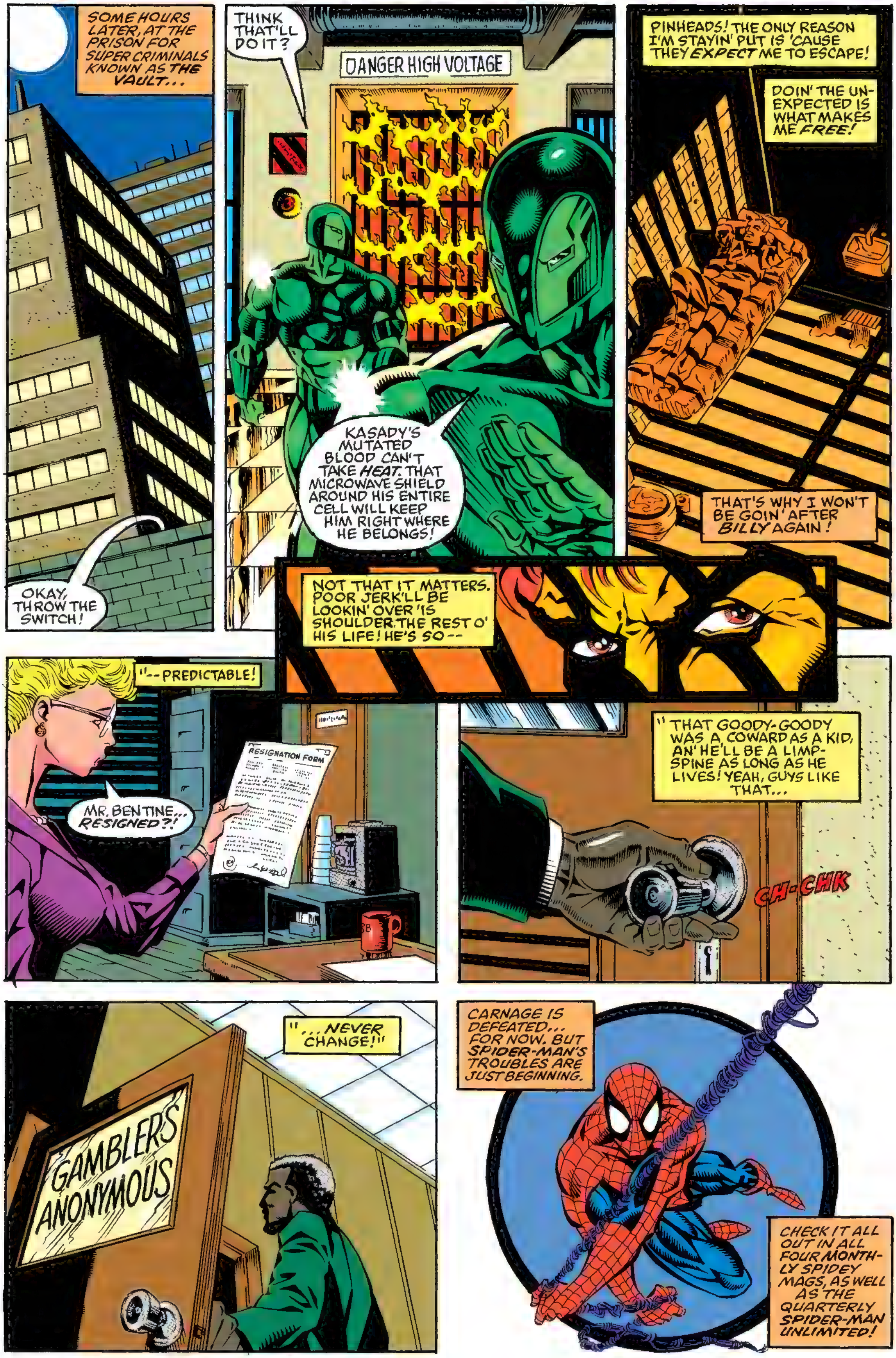

THWIP
CAN'T HIT--
OW
--WHAT YOU CAN'T *SEE!*
THOP
SHLOOP
YUCK!
PTUI!
YA KEEP UNDER-ESTIMATIN' WHAT MY COSTUME CAN *DO,* WEB-MAN--
--AN' THAT'S GONNA BE THE *DEATH* O' YA!
NOT MY PROBLEM!
I'M NO FIGHTER!
HAVE TO THINK OF *MYSELF!*
JUST LIKE...
--LIKE...
...CLETE?
HOW 'BOUT A LITTLE *AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION,* WALLCRAWLER!
WHICH *LIMB* YA WANNA LOSE *FIRST?*
THWIP
ONLY THING *I'M* LOSING--
--IS MY *PATIENCE!*
WHA--
SPAK

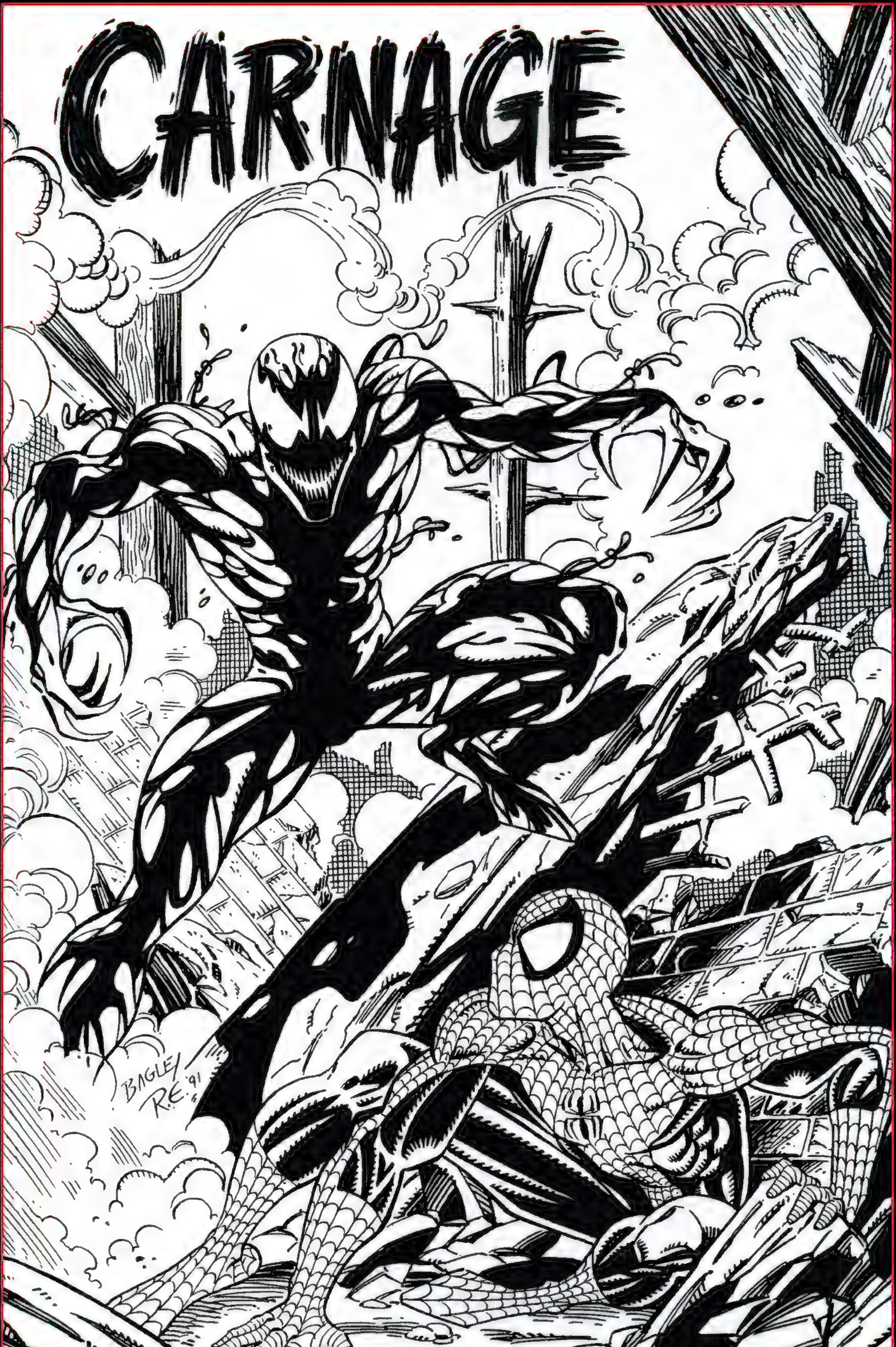

BRRRMBLE
OKAY--
--NOW I'M TICKED!
GONNA TAKE 'IS *EYES!*
--DARTS!
TOO MANY--
THIS CONVEYOR BELT--!
LOGS WILL *SHIELD* ME UNTIL--
HEH
TIK
WHA--?
HE DIDN'T EXPECT ME TA SLINK COSTUME STRANDS UNDER THE CONVEYOR! NOW HE'S TRAPPED--
--AN' HEADED STRAIGHT FER THAT WOOD CHIPPER! HEY, INSTANT *SPIDER-CHIPS!*
BRRZKT
WONDER IF I COULD INTEREST FRITO-LAY...!
WH...WHAT'S HE LOOKIN' AT?
THWIPP
THAT BUZZ SAW! SLINGIN' A WEBLINE TA PULL THE BLADE--
--LOOSE?
NOW HE'S ARCIN' IT OVER, TRYIN' TA CUT THROUGH MY--
--AAGGGHHH!
SOUNDED LIKE THAT *HURT,* CARNAGE!
GOOD...!


ALL RIGHT, WHAT'S ALL THE COMMO--
--TION?
GET OUT OF HERE!
SECURITY GUY'S DOIN' WHAT YA SAID, WEBS--BUT WORRYIN' ABOUT 'IM LEFT YOU OPEN FER THIS!
RESIN
GLUSH
HE'S COVERED WITH THAT RESIN GOOP! IT'S WEIGHIN' 'IM DOWN, STICKIN' 'IS ARM TO 'IS SIDE, LIKE GLUE!
3B
HE'LL PROB'LY PULL FREE IN SECONDS!
RESIN
BUT SECONDS ARE ALL I NEED...!


LEAVE HIM ALONE! *I'M* THE ONE YOU WANT!
BILLY-BOY?
I'VE LOST A LOT, CLETE--
--BUT YOU MADE ME REALIZE THE MOST *IMPORTANT* THING I'VE LOST IS *HONOR!* I FORGOT WHAT IT MEANT TO SIMPLY DO THE RIGHT THING--LIKE I DID YEARS AGO AT OUR SUMMER CAMP.
IF I'D STAYED STRONG, MAYBE I WOULDN'T HAVE *FALLEN* SO FAR. BUT I CAN DO THE RIGHT THING *NOW.*
OH, BROTHER! SOMEONE BRING ME A HANKIE--I'M GONNA START *BAWLIN'!*
DO WHAT YOU MUST; I WON'T HATE YOU!
I KNOW IT'S THE *MONSTER* YOU'VE BECOME.
CLETE KASADY WOULD NEVER HURT ME!


GEEZ, DID SOMEONE HIT YA WITH A *STUPID* STICK?
'*COURSE* CLETE'D HURT YA!
AND I DON'T NEED NOTHIN' BUT MY BARE, *HUMAN* HANDS TO BLEED *YOU!*
OKAY. DO IT...
...*SPIDER-MAN!*
HUH--?
SHPLOK
SAW YOU PULLIN' FREE, REMEMBERED WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT *CARNAGE* BEING TOUGH, BUT *CLETE* BEING VULNERABLE.
I TRICKED THEM.
BUT, WHY?
WHAT I SAID WAS TRUE. I'D LOST SIGHT OF WHAT REALLY MATTERS. CLETE REMINDED ME.
HE'D PROBABLY CRINGE TO HEAR IT, BUT TONIGHT...
...CLETUS KASADY WAS THE BEST *FRIEND* I'VE EVER HAD!


SOME HOURS LATER, AT THE PRISON FOR SUPER CRIMINALS KNOWN AS *THE VAULT...*
OKAY, THROW THE SWITCH!
THINK THAT'LL DO IT?
DANGER HIGH VOLTAGE
KASADY'S MUTATED BLOOD CAN'T TAKE *HEAT.* THAT MICROWAVE SHIELD AROUND HIS ENTIRE CELL WILL KEEP HIM RIGHT WHERE HE BELONGS!
PINHEADS! THE ONLY REASON I'M STAYIN' PUT IS 'CAUSE THEY *EXPECT* ME TO ESCAPE!
DOIN' THE UNEXPECTED IS WHAT MAKES ME *FREE!*
THAT'S WHY I WON'T BE GOIN' AFTER *BILLY* AGAIN!
NOT THAT IT MATTERS. POOR JERK'LL BE LOOKIN' OVER 'IS SHOULDER THE REST O' HIS LIFE! HE'S SO--
"--PREDICTABLE!
RESIGNATION FORM
MR. BENTINE... *RESIGNED?!*
"THAT GOODY-GOODY WAS A COWARD AS A KID, AN' HE'LL BE A LIMP-SPINE AS LONG AS HE LIVES! YEAH, GUYS LIKE THAT...
CH-CHK
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
"*...NEVER* CHANGE!"
CARNAGE IS DEFEATED... FOR NOW. BUT *SPIDER-MAN'S* TROUBLES ARE JUST BEGINNING.
CHECK IT ALL OUT IN ALL FOUR MONTHLY SPIDEY MAGS, AS WELL AS THE QUARTERLY *SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED!*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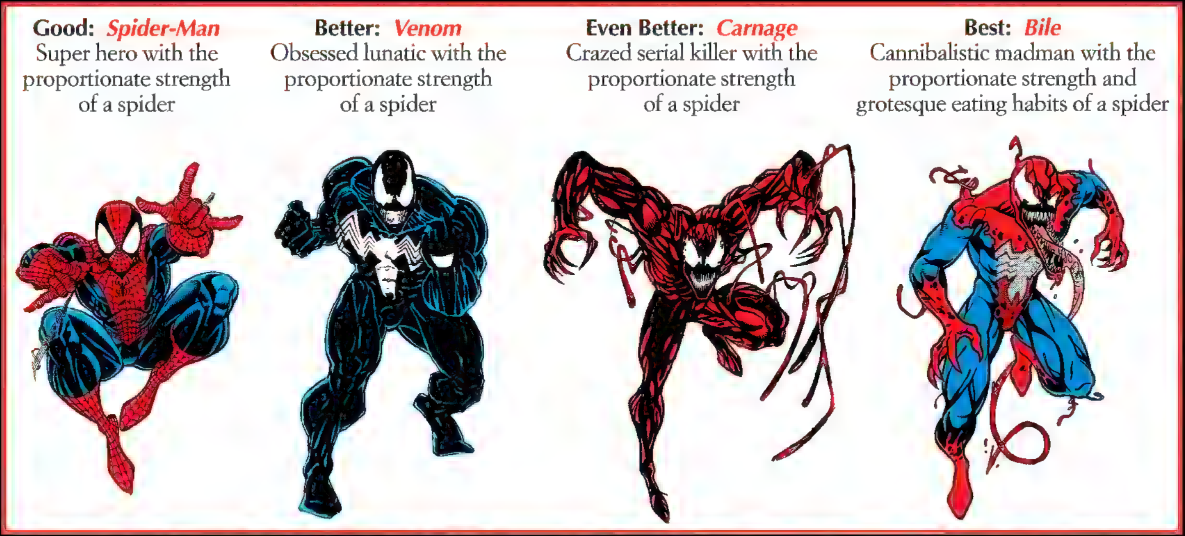

Good: ***Spider-Man***
Super hero with the
proportionate strength
of a spider

Better: ***Venom***
Obsessed lunatic with the
proportionate strength
of a spider

Even Better: ***Carnage***
Crazed serial killer with the
proportionate strength
of a spider

Best: ***Bile***
Cannibalistic madman with the
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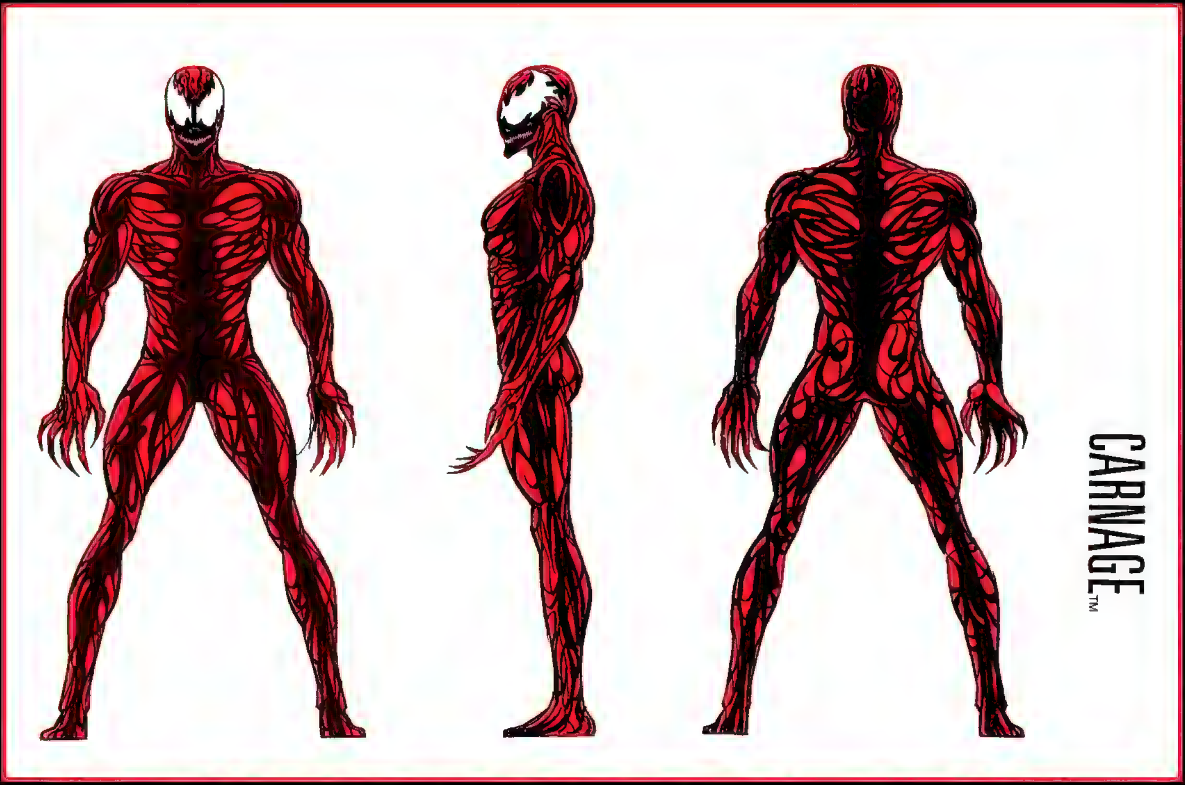

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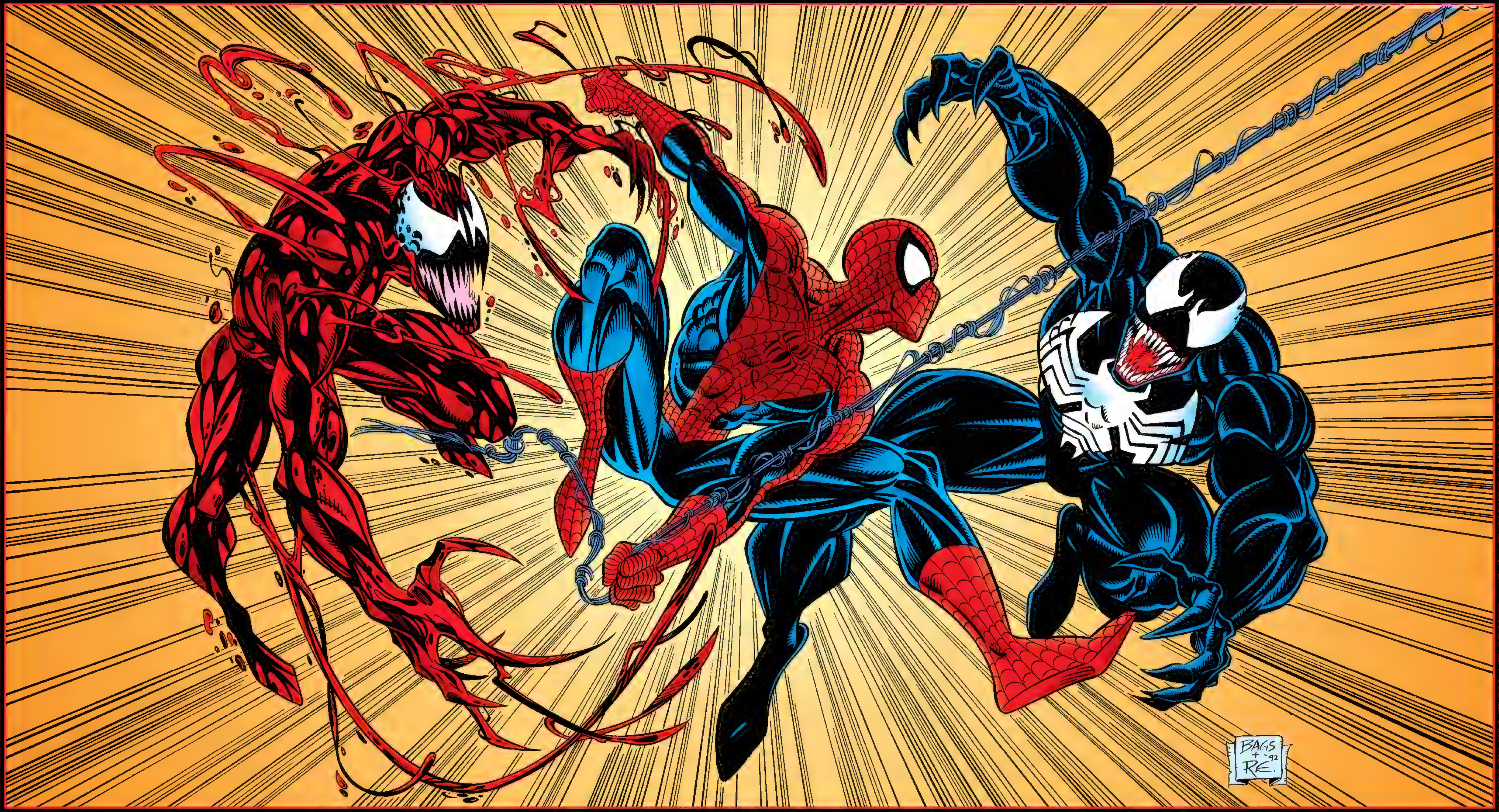

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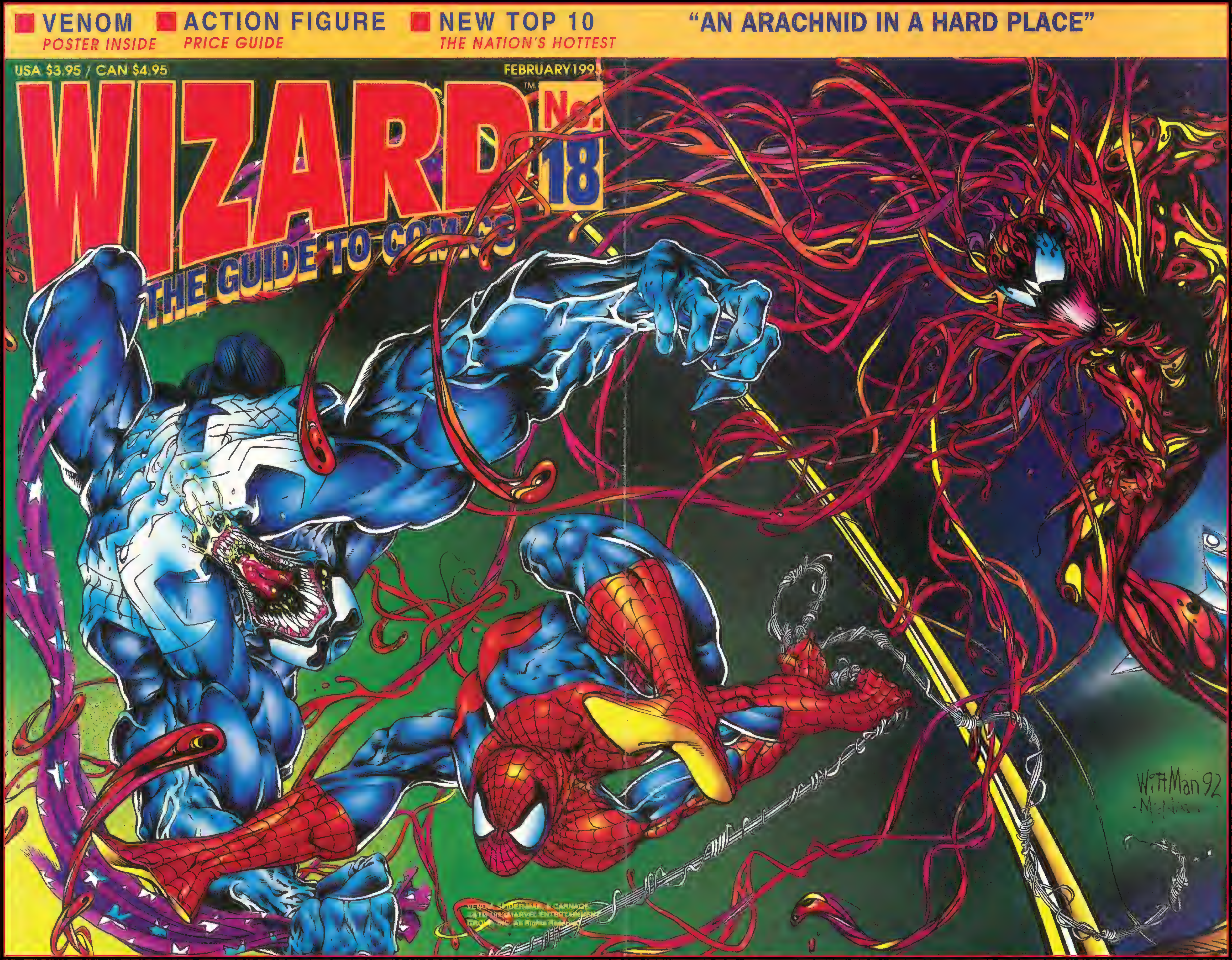
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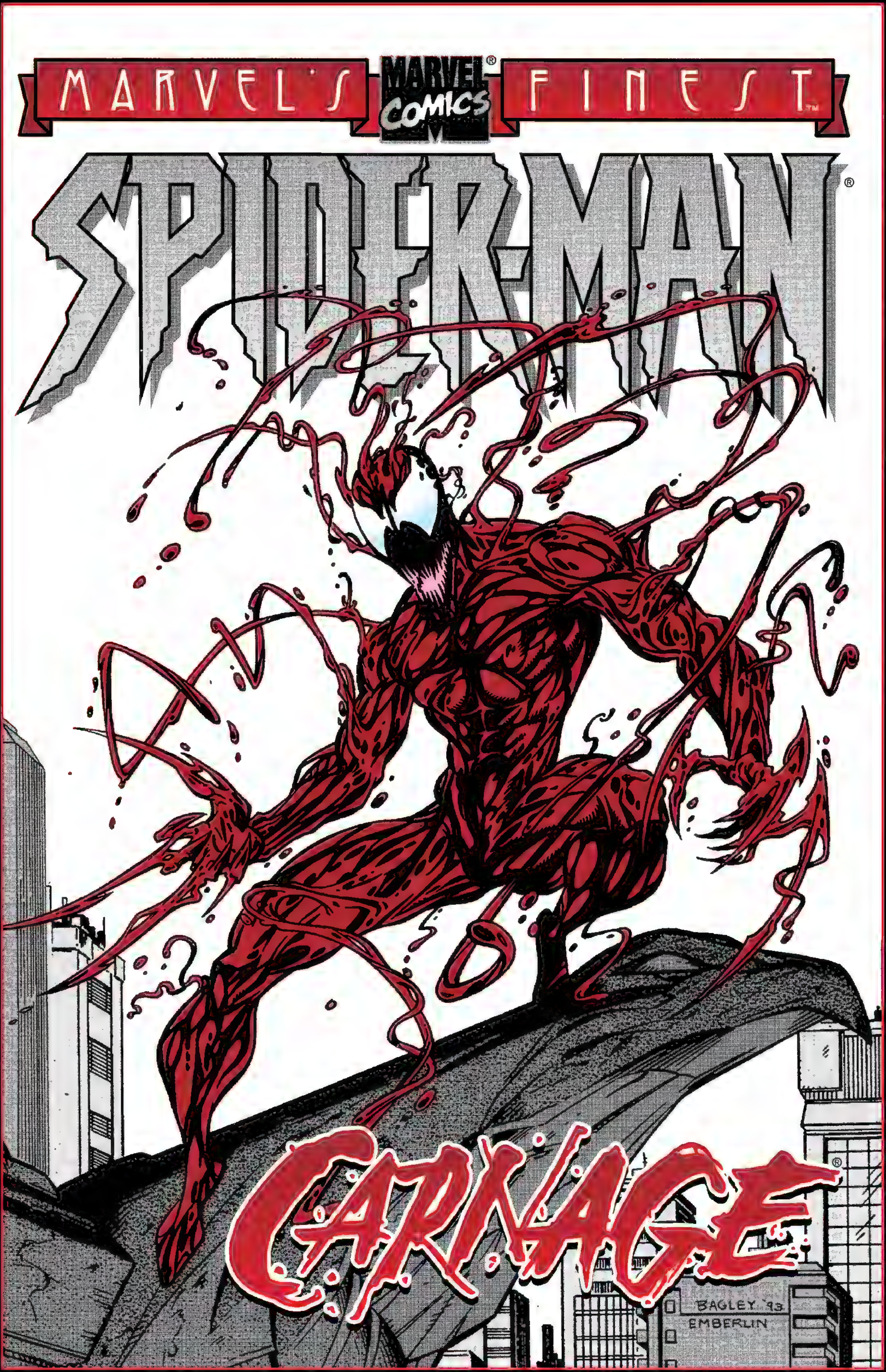
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SPIDER-MAN: CARNAGE TPB (1993) COVER BY MARK BAGLEY & RANDY EMBERLIN

Call him ~~Chaos!~~ ~~Ravage!~~ CARNAGE!

I wanted to kill the guy. No, no, not my *editor* — he signs the checks! Actually, I wanted to kill VENOM. And I *would* have, too, if not for…ah, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

In the beginning, there was an alien, a symbiote that Spider-Man had brought back from a distant planet. Emulating a sentient, black-and-white costume, the creature eventually tried to bond permanently with Peter Parker, everyone's favorite web-slinging wonder. But Spidey fought back, and in the course of the battle it wound up sacrificing itself at the last moment to save Spider-Man. Then, a year or two later when I began writing *The Amazing Spider-Man*, a new villain was called for, and I resurrected an idea I'd begun developing in another book. As a result, I brought back the alien, joined it with a demented man (Eddie Brock) whose sole focus was hatred of Spider-Man, and — along with superstar artist, *Todd McFarlane* — introduced VENOM to the world!

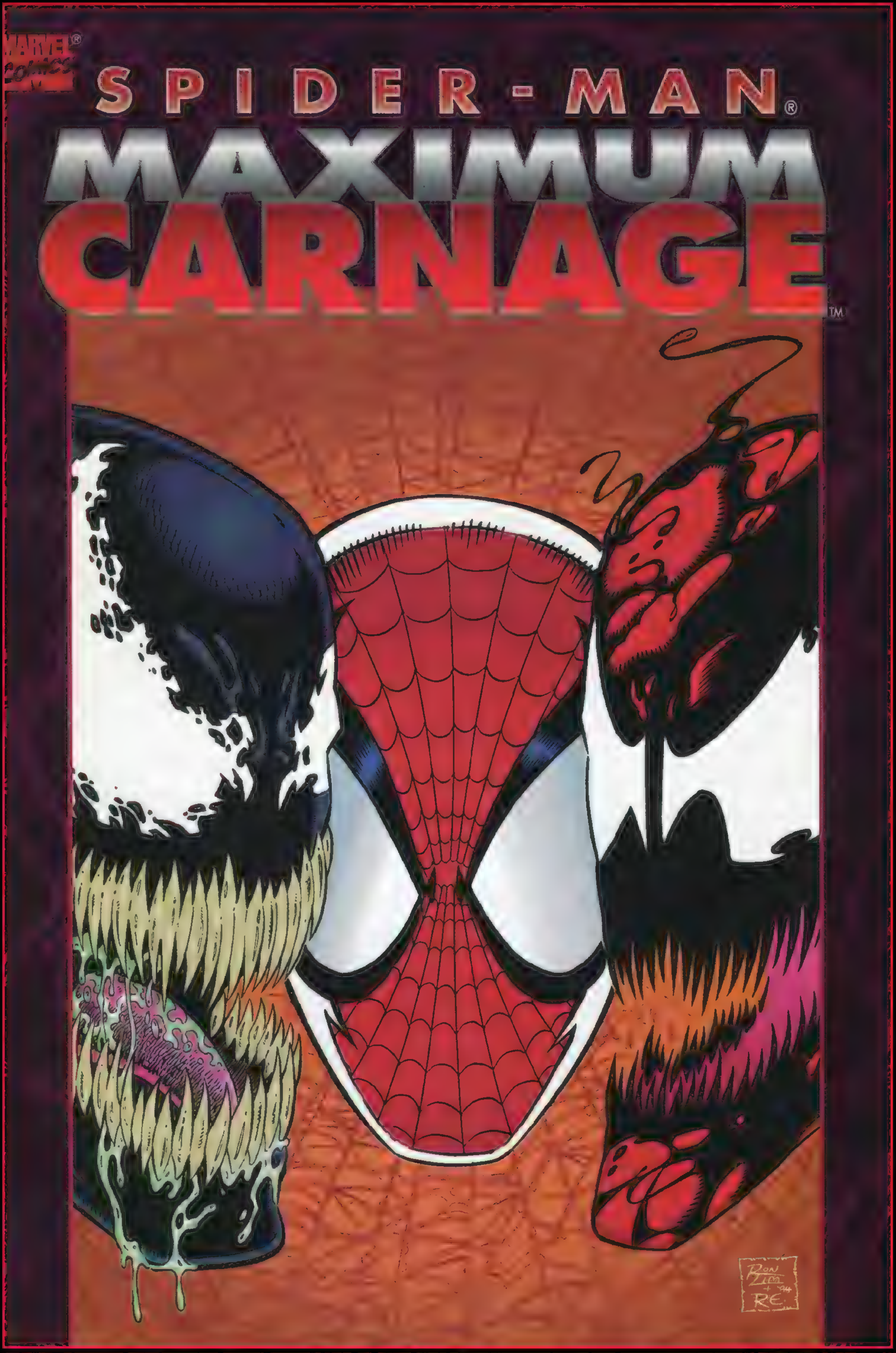
Things went pretty well. Writing the character was a lot of fun. But, since I'd planned to stay on *Amazing* for at least 20-30 years, I started thinking about the future — and I got a dangerous idea: since Venom had had his first story in *Amazing #300*, why not have his *last* story in #400! Yeah! I could kill Eddie Brock off, then have the costume wander around the Marvel Universe for a year or two, joining with various other characters, before settling on another host to become the "new" Venom! Imagine the nifty stories if the symbiote joined with Doctor Octopus, the Lizard, or (shudder) J. Jonah Jameson! It sounded like a great idea, but then something unexpected happened — readers absolutely *loved* Venom! As popularity (and sales) rose, it became increasingly obvious that Marvel would never let me actually waste comicdom's favorite slavering symbiote. O what to do!

Then came the answer: If we couldn't have the *existing* symbiote join with someone else, why not create *another* one? Since the alien was of an unknown species, it seemed reasonable that it might reproduce asexually, spawning a seed that would become a creature similar to itself. Ah, but who would it join with? Though psychotic, Eddie Brock had a deep, if twisted, sense of justice which drove him to protect innocents. (At least, whenever he wasn't busy trying to turn Spider-Man into gut jam!) I thought it might be an interesting contrast to that unique dichotomy to give Venomlike power to a total sociopath, someone without a hint of redeeming value, a lunatic who'd eat babies for breakfast — and ask for seconds. Enter CLETUS KASADY. An unrepentant mass murderer, Clete was Eddie's cellmate in prison, and thus became the eager recipient of Venom's spawn when the symbiote "gave birth" while breaking Eddie out.

Okay, we had our new character — what would we name him? No problem, I thought; we'll call him CHAOS! After all, that's what Clete wants to bring to the world, right? Perfect! Until a rival company came out with a character by the same name a couple of weeks later. (Sigh.) Then artist Mark Bagley proposed…RAVAGE! Again, perfect! Until we found out that Marvel already had a book in the works called *Ravage 2099*. (Insert second sigh.) Finally, then-assistant editor Eric Fein suggested casually, not knowing that he was about to make history, "How 'bout 'CARNAGE'?" Once more, the name was perfect. And even better, this time no one else was using it!

Which left us with one last problem: what would the character look like? How could we retain the visual connection to Venom while still making the new guy an individual unto himself? I posed the possibility that he could look like Venom, but that his costume would be multi-colored, constantly changing to reflect the chaotic nature of the man inside. Not being an artist, I didn't realize that that would put anyone who tried to draw it in a padded cell real fast! That's when Mark Bagley came up with the design we ultimately used, successfully retaining the constant change motif, but with a much more workable (and effective) red-and-black color scheme. Seeing how Mark drew the character gave me ideas on how to use it, and between us we put together one nasty dude.

And it seems the world *likes* nasty dudes. The first two stories featuring Carnage sold out, with no advertising, no publicity whatsoever. We assume that's because the readers found him entertaining — *not* admirable. (He is, after all, one very sick puppy!) But whatever the reason, Cletus Kasady's popularity has steamrolled, rivaling even that of his "dad," Venom. In fact, he recently headlined the biggest mega-crossover in Spider-Man history, "Maximum Carnage." What will become of Clete and his living wardrobe in the future? No one knows. But how he got to where he is, you'll find in the stories collected in this volume. So sit back and (the doors *are* locked…aren't they?) enjoy.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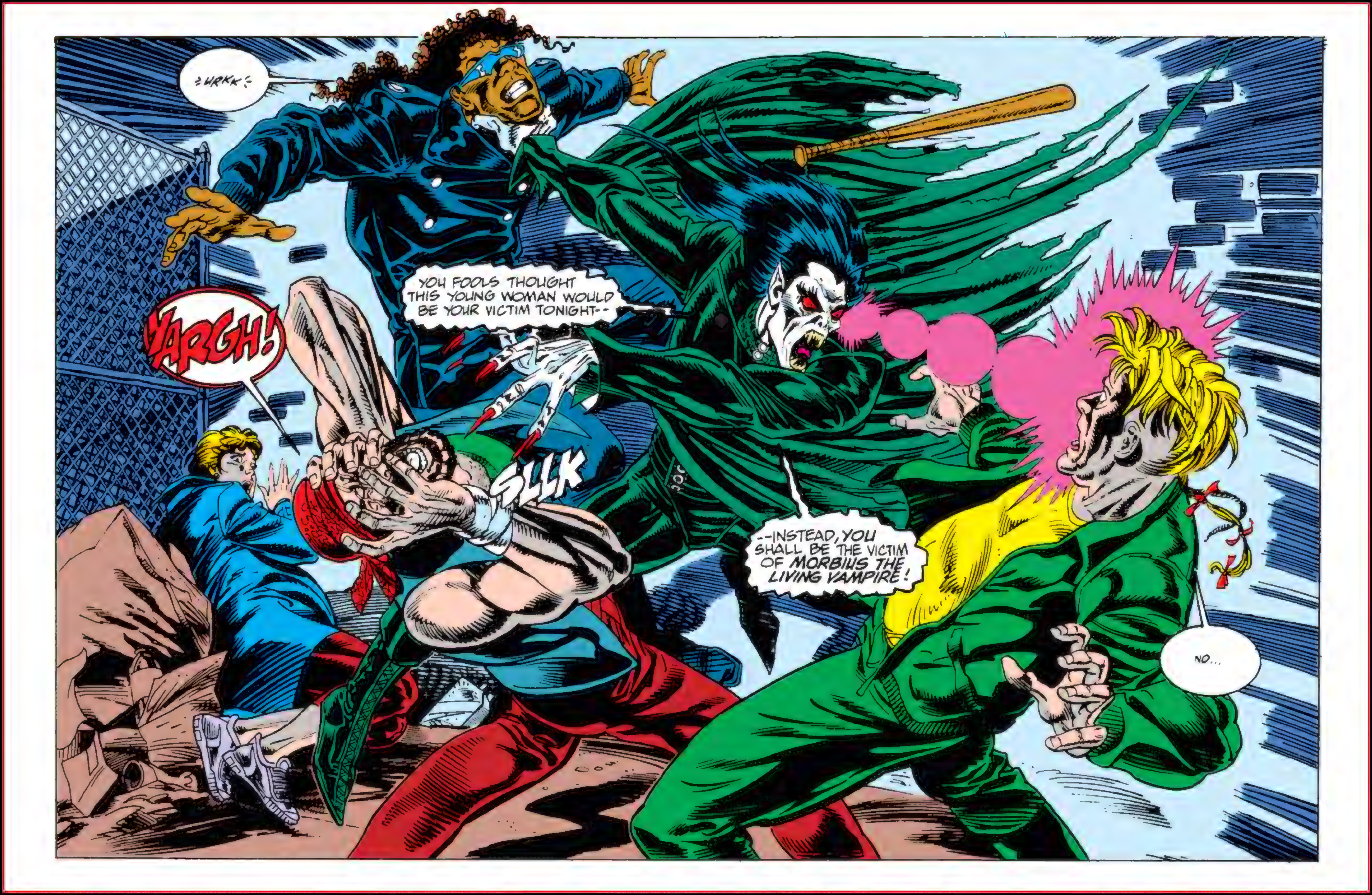

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YARGH!
YOU FOOLS THOUGHT THIS YOUNG WOMAN WOULD BE YOUR VICTIM TONIGHT--
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--INSTEAD, YOU SHALL BE THE VICTIM OF MORBIUS THE LIVING VAMPIRE!
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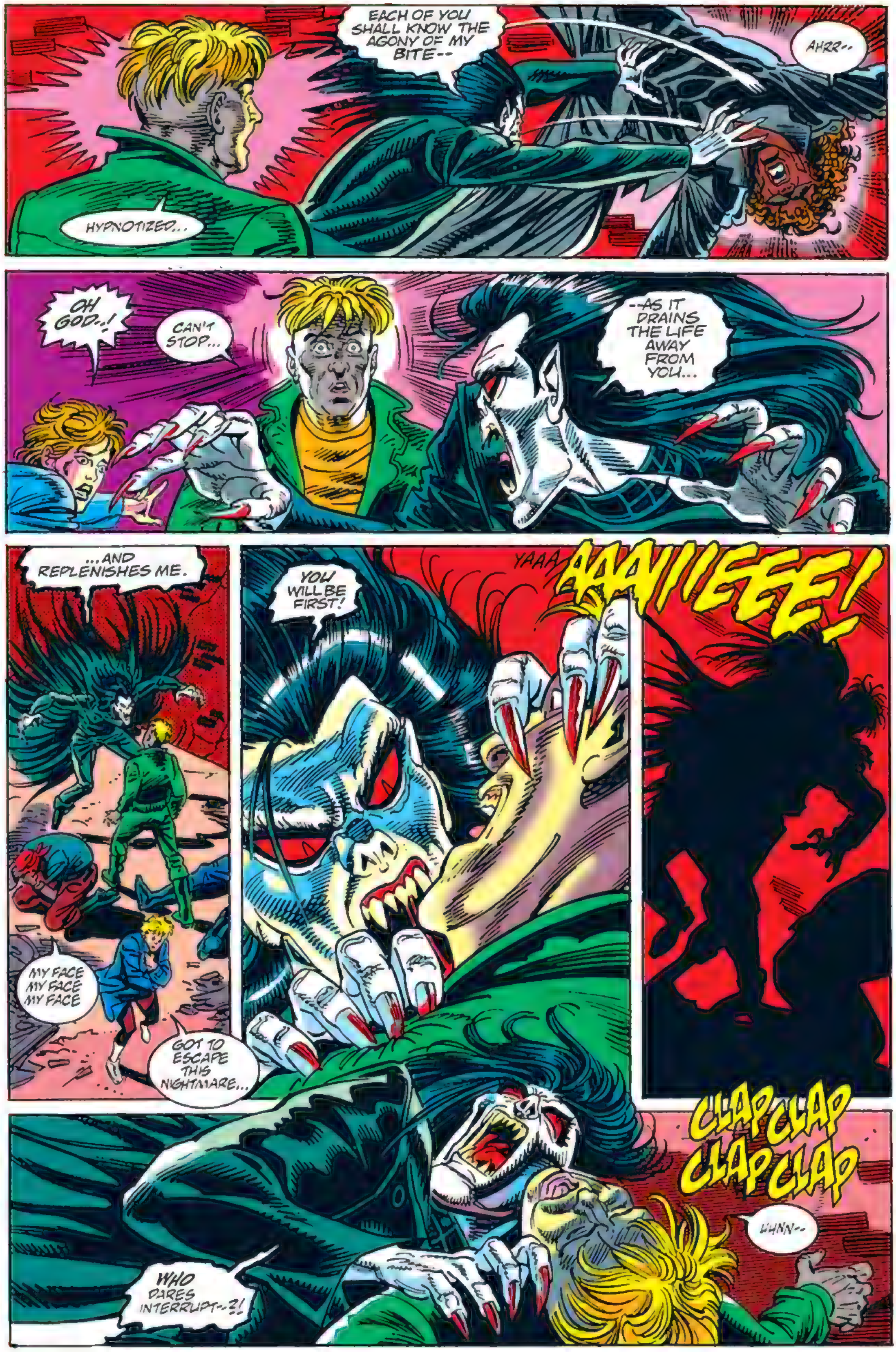
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OH GOD..!
CAN'T STOP...
--AS IT DRAINS THE LIFE AWAY FROM YOU...
...AND REPLENISHES ME.
MY FACE MY FACE MY FACE
GOT TO ESCAPE THIS NIGHTMARE...
YOU WILL BE FIRST!
YAAAAAAIIEEEE!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
UHNN--
WHO DARES INTERRUPT--?!

DARKNESS, LIGHT...AND FREE FOOD

An introduction of sorts by J.M. DeMatteis

To tell you the truth, I didn't want to do it.

When Group Editor Danny Fingeroth first proposed the idea that would mushroom into "Maximum Carnage," I didn't even want to hear about it. Venom and Carnage may have wowed that amorphous entity called The Comic Book Audience, but they'd left me flat. I explained to Danny that I liked my villains a little more layered — some moral ambiguity, some shades of gray — and that, frankly, I'd had my fill of the psychos and mass murderers running through the pages of half the comic books on the stands. (And those — heaven help us — were the heroes!) Peter Parker, on the other hand, was, is and always will be a kind, decent, compassionate, caring human being — something of a rarity in the comic book climate of the '90s. "But," said Danny, after I'd detailed my objections, "that's exactly the point."

Okay, so he had my attention.

Danny went on to tell me that he envisioned a multi-part saga, weaving through all the Spider-titles, that would contrast the psycho-killers against the good guys...and take a firm stand, he assured me, on the side of the men and women in the white hats.

Okay, so now I was getting interested.

Which is how I found myself, some weeks later, locked away in a conference room in a New York hotel with a group that included Danny, editors Eric Fein and Rob Tokar, then-assistant editor Mike Lackey, my fellow Spider-writers David Michelinie, Terry Kavanagh and Tom DeFalco...as well as artists Mark Bagley, Sal Buscema and new kid on the block Tom Lyle. We put in two exhausting and exhilarating eight-hour days laying the groundwork for our fourteen-part(!) crossover: laughing, arguing, ranting like lunatics, throwing endless ideas — some brilliant, some awful, some just plain weird — across the table. We compiled our list of Very Bad Guys...and Very Good Guys...and the Grey Men who walked between both worlds. We struggled to find our story's thematic threads. Discussed the essential differences in attitude and philosophy that separated our variegated cast.

And, best of all, we ate lots of free food!

Well, maybe not best of all. The real highlight of those two days was the chemistry among the group. We were as diverse a bunch — though not quite as extreme — as the heroes and villains we were writing about, but there wasn't an unsightly ego to be found. No moody outbursts. No claiming the best scenes for any particular book or creative team. It was the kind of group energy exchange that we freelancers — who spend our working hours alone, staring at blank art pages and gray computer screens — rarely get to take part in. And it was fun.

When our two-day conference was over, we all thought we had a powerful story that looked the Darkness square in the eyes, and came out on the side of Light.

And back we went to our offices and drawing boards and laptops to breathe life into it.

Did we succeed? Depends on who you talk to. Some people thought "Maximum Carnage" was excessively violent. That we subjected our readers to too much darkness before we reached the light. Others opined that you can't really appreciate the light unless you've taken that trip through the dark. That the ending of our story would not have seemed half so hope-filled and uplifting if our characters hadn't crawled through the mire to get there. The truth, I suspect, lies where it often does: somewhere in between.

No doubt you'll find your own truth as you read the mammoth tale that follows. So sit back, relax and dive into the longest Spider saga in the wall-crawler's distinguished, three-decade career. We can't promise any free food for your belly...but we can promise to feed your mind.

Enjoy!

AFTERWORD

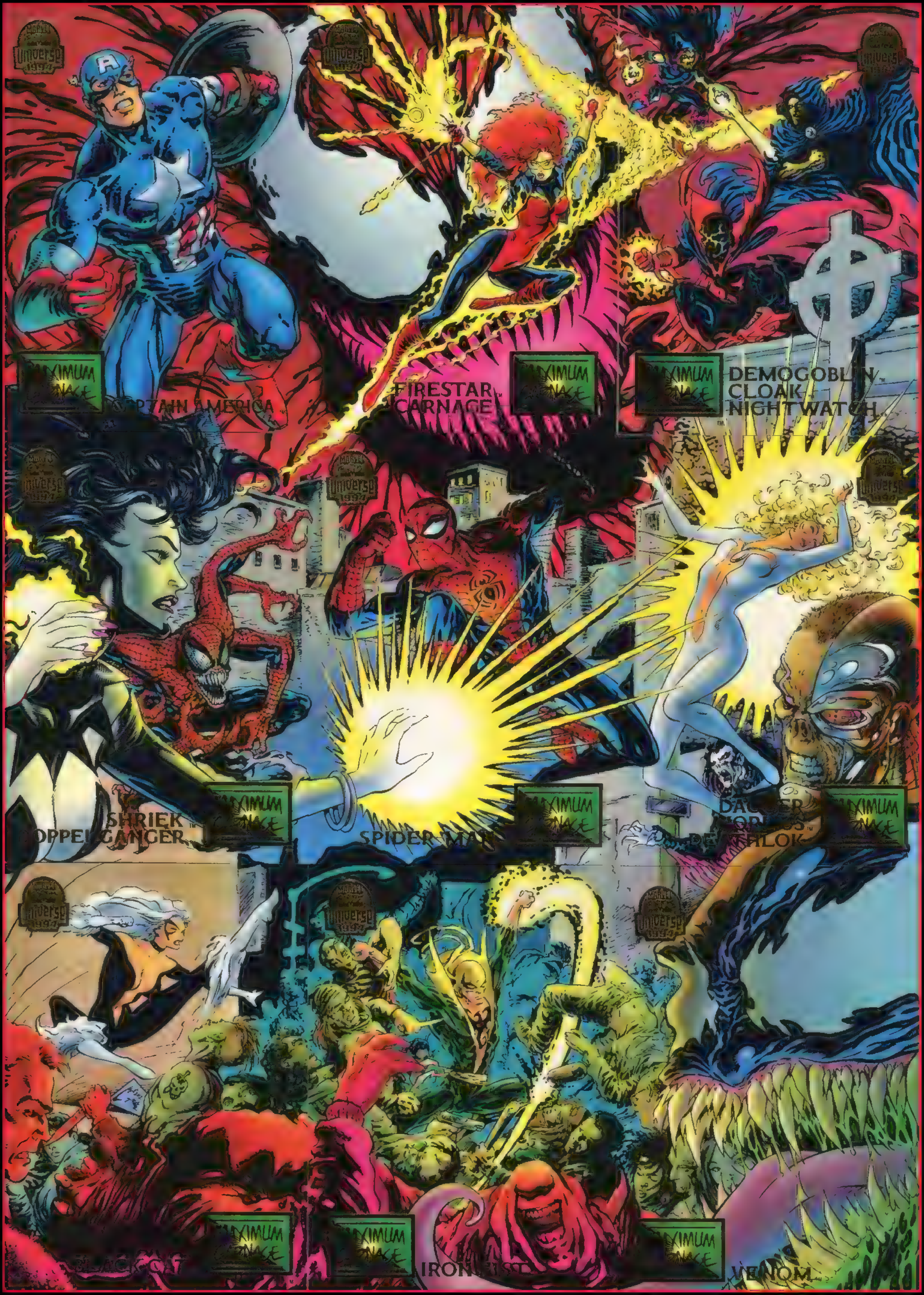
A final note:

Since the days when Stan Lee and Steve Ditko set the Spider-Man Universe spinning through the cosmos, the belief in the ascendancy of the human heart, the essential nobility of the common man, has been at the core of all the web-spinner's finest tales.

If there's one thing that remained paramount throughout our struggle to create the epic adventure you've just read, it was our dedication to that idea. So remember: No matter how hard life gets, how brutal the world around us can appear, how inhuman our fellow man sometimes seems, simple human love is still the most powerful force in the world. And people are, at heart, as kind, as decent, as compassionate and caring...

...as a guy named Peter Parker.

—J.M. DeMatteis
May 1994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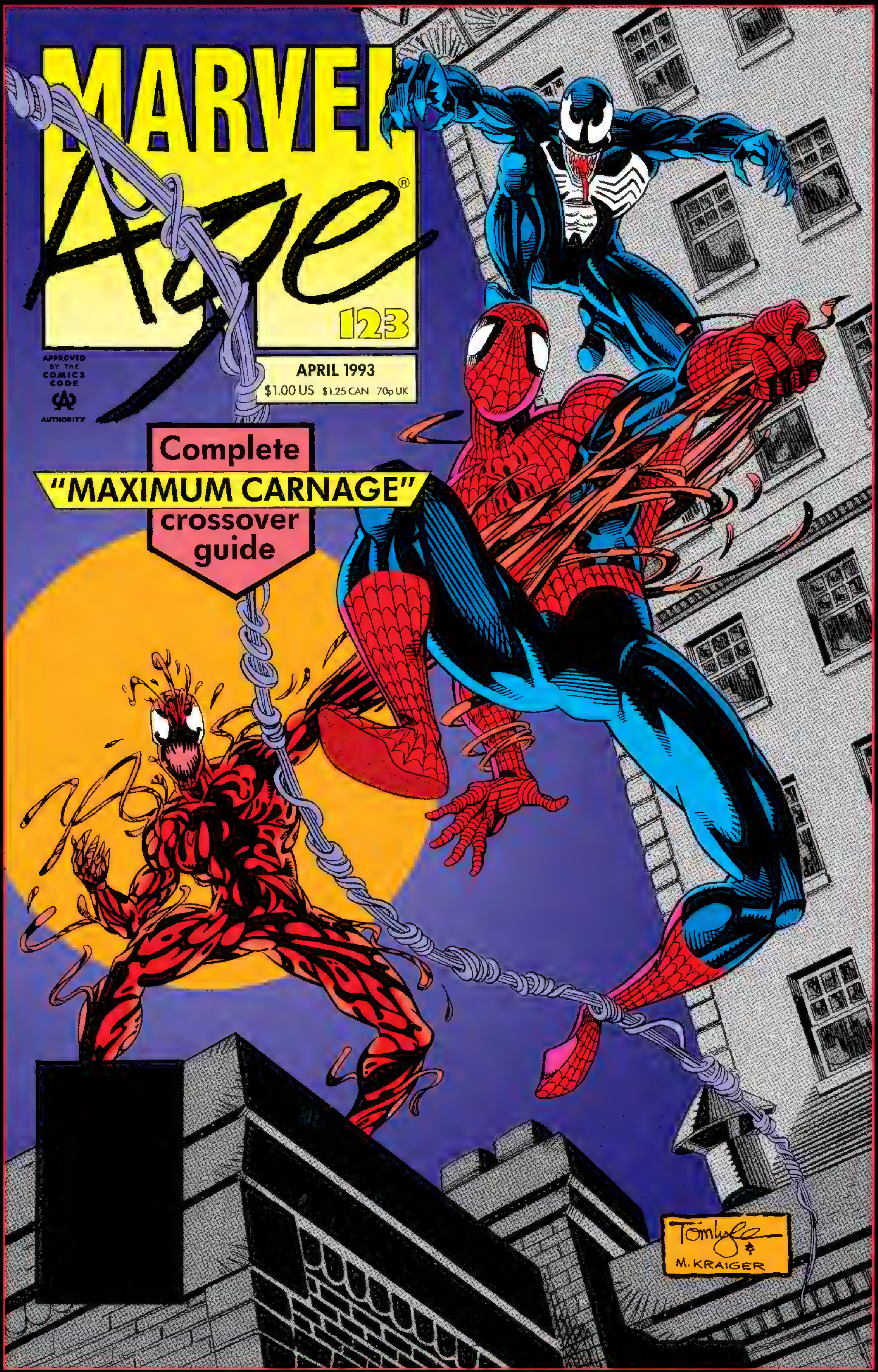
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Hot Sheet

Big things are happening — really **BIG!** Events that know no limits! Happenings that only the Gods could conceive! You could say that March is a heavy hitting month of epic proportions! The superlatives are endless, so let's turn up the heat!

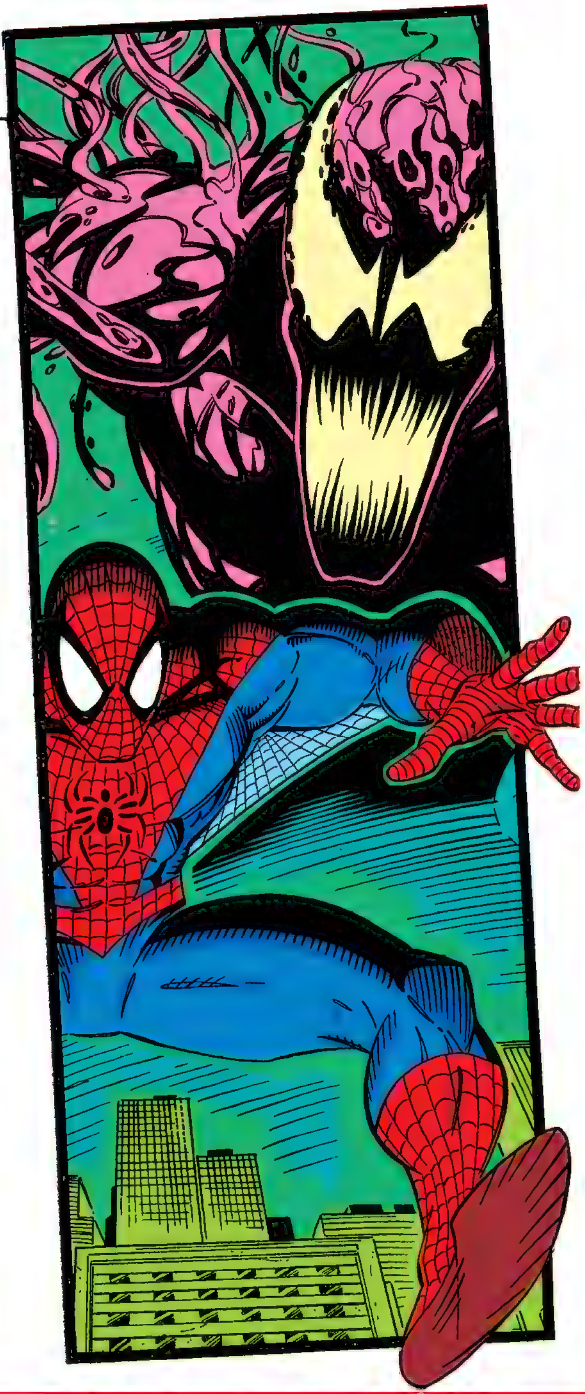
A DEBUT WROUGHT WITH CARNAGE

In March, everybody's favorite web slinger has his world shattered when he becomes entangled in the excitement of a titanic three-way battle co-starring Venom and Carnage, beginning in the all-new super-size quarterly series, **SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED.** For some time now, Spider-Man Group Editor Danny Fingeroth has been trying to cajole writer Tom **(THOR)** DeFalco and artist Ron **(INFINITY WAR)** Lim into working on a Spidey title. However, with the already voluminous amount of great work these two put out each month, there is little time in either's schedule to add another monthly book. Thus the creation of a 64-page, four times a year series which will feature a lead story by DeFalco and Lim and additional tales by other popular writers and artists.

As if the debut of such a deluxe series wasn't enough, Fingeroth — along with the entire **SPIDER-MAN** line creative team (joined by fan-favorite artist Tom [*Robin*] Lyle) — conceived an event so awesome it will take the other three Spidey titles and fourteen parts to tell it. The entire saga begins in **SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #1** and is called "Maximum Carnage." As the name implies, all heck breaks loose when Spider-Man is forced into the middle of a life and death struggle between Venom and Carnage.

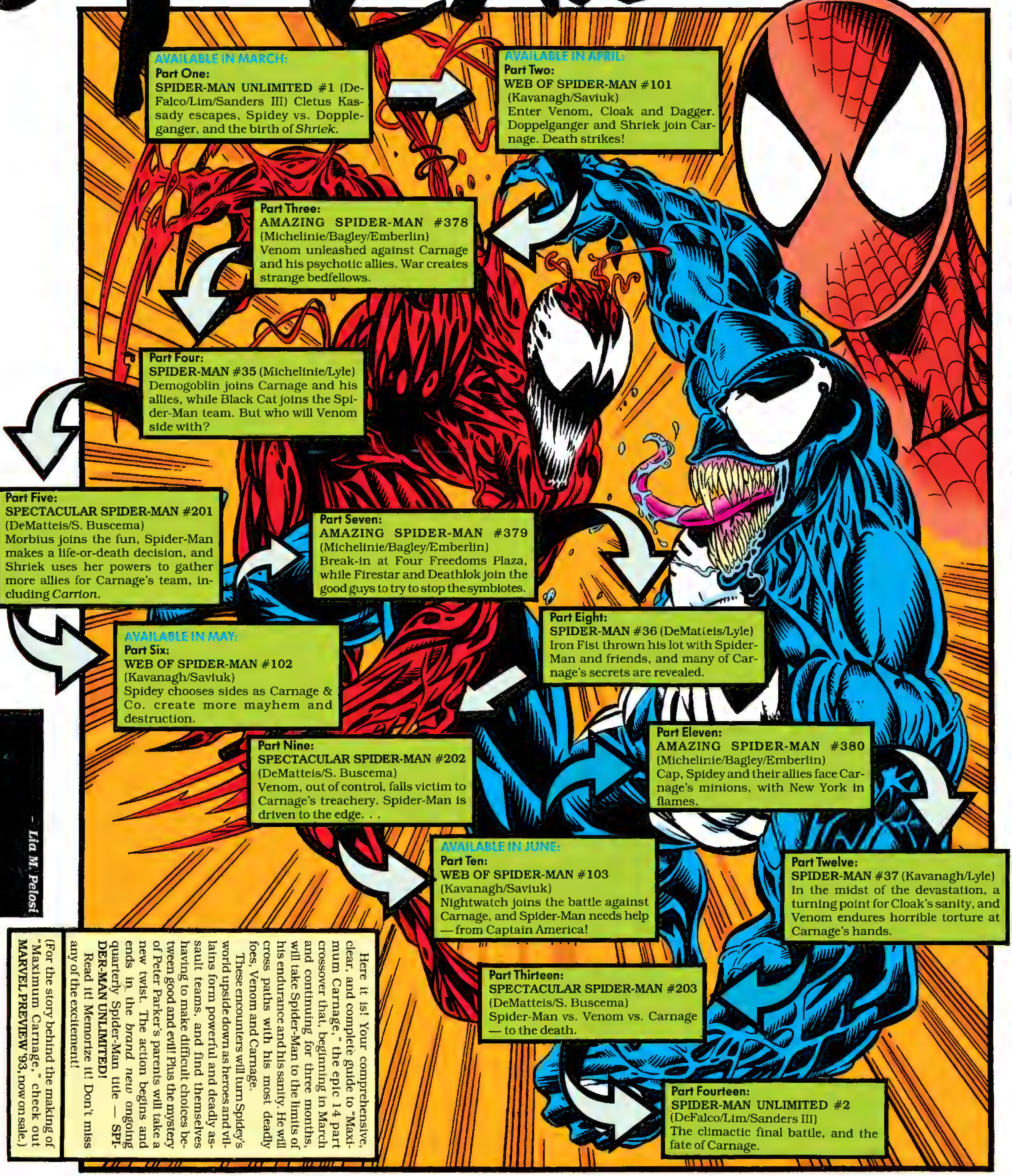
Advance word of the titanic storyline has the comic industry frothing with excitement. "This is the crossover series all of Marvel fandom has been waiting for!" exclaimed Gary Colabuono, owner of *Moondog's Comics* of Illinois. "A full-blown, knock-down conflagration featuring Spidey vs. Venom vs. Carnage!. . .[I] confidently predict that this crossover series is destined to be a hot fan favorite long remembered in the annals of Mighty Marvel."

When talk of the fourteen part story first began, David Torgerson of the *Westfield Comics* subscription service and retail chain noted, "Venom and Carnage are as popular as they come. This crossover is sure to make Spider-Man fans foam at the mouth. The market has not been oversaturated with Carnage appearances, which should make this event even more popular. Fans want more Carnage, and they're sure to get plenty here."



MAXIMUM CARNAGE

A GUIDE TO THE SPIDEY/VENOM/CARNAGE CROSSOVER



AVAILABLE IN MARCH:
Part One:
SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #1 (DeFalco/Lim/Sanders III) Cletus Kasady escapes, Spidey vs. Doppleganger, and the birth of *Shriek*.

AVAILABLE IN APRIL:
Part Two:
WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #101
(Kavanagh/Saviuk)
Enter Venom, Cloak and Dagger. Doppelganger and Shriek join Carnage. Death strikes!

Part Three:
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #378
(Michelinie/Bagley/Emberlin)
Venom unleashed against Carnage and his psychotic allies. War creates strange bedfellows.

Part Four:
SPIDER-MAN #35 (Michelinie/Lyle)
Demogoblin joins Carnage and his allies, while Black Cat joins the Spider-Man team. But who will Venom side with?

Part Five:
SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #201
(DeMatteis/S. Buscema)
Morbius joins the fun, Spider-Man makes a life-or-death decision, and Shriek uses her powers to gather more allies for Carnage's team, including *Carrion*.

AVAILABLE IN MAY:
Part Six:
WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #102
(Kavanagh/Saviuk)
Spidey chooses sides as Carnage & Co. create more mayhem and destruction.

Part Seven:
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #379
(Michelinie/Bagley/Emberlin)
Break-in at Four Freedoms Plaza, while Firestar and Deathlok join the good guys to try to stop the symbiotes.

Part Eight:
SPIDER-MAN #36 (DeMatteis/Lyle)
Iron Fist thrown his lot with Spider-Man and friends, and many of Carnage's secrets are revealed.

Part Nine:
SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #202
(DeMatteis/S. Buscema)
Venom, out of control, falls victim to Carnage's treachery. Spider-Man is driven to the edge. . .

AVAILABLE IN JUNE:
Part Ten:
WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #103
(Kavanagh/Saviuk)
Nightwatch joins the battle against Carnage, and Spider-Man needs help — from Captain America!

Part Eleven:
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #380
(Michelinie/Bagley/Emberlin)
Cap, Spidey and their allies face Carnage's minions, with New York in flames.

Part Twelve:
SPIDER-MAN #37 (Kavanagh/Lyle)
In the midst of the devastation, a turning point for Cloak's sanity, and Venom endures horrible torture at Carnage's hands.

Part Thirteen:
SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #203
(DeMatteis/S. Buscema)
Spider-Man vs. Venom vs. Carnage — to the death.

Part Fourteen:
SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #2
(DeFalco/Lim/Sanders III)
The climactic final battle, and the fate of Carnage.

Here it is! Your comprehensive, clear, and complete guide to "Maximum Carnage," the epic 14 part crossover that, beginning in March and continuing for three months, will take Spider-Man to the limits of his endurance and his sanity. He will cross paths with his most deadly foes, Venom and Carnage.

These encounters will turn Spidey's world upside down as heroes and villains form powerful and deadly assault teams, and find themselves having to make difficult choices between good and evil. Plus the mystery of Peter Parker's parents will take a new twist. The action begins and ends in the *brand new* ongoing quarterly Spider-Man title — **SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED!**

Read it! Memorize it! Don't miss any of the excitement!

– Lia M. Pelosi

(For the story behind the making of "Maximum Carnage," check out **MARVEL PREVIEW '93**, now on sale.)

SPIDER MAN

The mother of all crossovers

He's been around for thirty years now, is an adult and married. For most people that indicates it's time to settle, lay down some roots and perhaps start a family.

But that's for most people. When you're Peter Parker, the Amazing Spider-Man, settling down is the *last* thing on your mind!

"**AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #375** marks the 30th anniversary of **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #1,**" said Danny Fingeroth, group editor of the Spider-line and chief keeper of the wall crawler's torch. "And since **SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN** and **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN** both reach significant milecant milestones this year, I decided it was time to do something extra special with Spidey."

That something is a *major* crossover — a 14-part extravaganza featuring some of the greatest Spider-Man villains ever. Naturally, such a crossover will move through all the existing Spider-Man books — but this one is so big, it required something more — something new.

"For years I've been dying to get Tom DeFalco to do some new Spidey writing," Editor Fingeroth revealed, "but his schedule is so busy, he just never had the time.

"Now we're launching a new title — the **SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED,** and that allows me to use Tom. The book's quarterly schedule gives us the advantage of time — three months between issues — and that extra time lets people like Tom fit things in." Fingeroth smiled. "It also allowed me to get a very special penciler — another busy guy who I've been after for a while — Ron Lim. I'm telling you, these two guys are *dynamite* together!"

Of course, as this is a quarterly, there'll be more than just a single Spider-Man story in each issue. "Yes," agreed Fingeroth. "We will have extra things in the quarterlies. Again, because we have the luxury of more time, we'll be able to get some nifty back-up features starring other characters from the Spidey universe." He grinned. "I can't tell you too much about them yet, but we have some really topnotch creators waiting to work on them" And **SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED** will be published using a special coated paper stock, similar to that was used for **MARVEL FANFARE,** giving it a new, deluxe look.

In the first issue of **SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED,** the new series will kick off with the beginning of a major crossover. What is the crossover all about? Who's doing it — and how is it going to be new and different?

Editor Fingeroth unveiled some of the answers: "Back in **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #363,**" he reminded, "the Carnage suit was destroyed and Kletus Casady, the man inside, was arrested and sent to jail. Casady, naturally, didn't like *that* at all! He's become addicted to the power the Carnage suit represented — and he wants it back! He's focused completely on that, and he has determined that the only way to get the Carnage suit back is to go after Venom! After all, Venom's suit generated the original Carnage suit, and maybe Casady can get it to do it again, or, failing that, perhaps he can just steal the Venom suit!"

"The whole idea is crazy, but Casady *is*, after all, a complete psychotic," Fingeroth laughed. "Of course, even *he* realizes that he can't go after Venom empty-handed — he needs *some* kind of help. So he has an *artificial* Carnage suit built. Using the new suit, he begins to stalk Venom, and, being Carnage, leaves a broad path of death and destruction behind him. A path that leads Spidey right to him."

> "Of course, when Spidey and his crew meet Venom and *his* crew. . . you get the picture!"

The action will then pass through all the Spider titles, where many other characters will guest star: "Basically," Fingeroth revealed, "in the course of the crossover, lots of characters get involved, characters who break down into three groups." Fingeroth ticked them off on his fingers: "One group is composed of *super*-psycho villains, guys like Carnage — the *really* crazy guys.

"Arrayed against them are a team of the *really* good guys — heroes like Spider-Man, Captain America, Daredevil — people who believe that great power brings great responsibility — guys who think like Spider-Man — they just want to put the bad guys in jail!"

And what about the third group? Fingeroth shrugged. "I guess you'd call them the 'middle guys.' They're anti-heroes. These are the guy's who are prepared to kill in the line of duty — like Cardiac, Solo, Venom and Morbius."

"In the course of the action, all kinds of alliances are made between the various groups, alliances that juggle and change as the situations change." Fingeroth grinned. "And, of course, many of those alliances are *broken* — suddenly, and without warning."

Fingeroth continued: "Naturally, with all these combinations, there's a lot of interaction — and *lots* of fights. And not just between, say, Spider-Man and the member of Carnage's group. It's not that simple. After all, it's Spidey — he's got to stop the villains — put them in jail. There are going to be times when he literally has to confront one of the *anti-heroes* to prevent him from killing one of the villains outright."

Concurrently, Marvel will be launching *another* brand new limited series — **VENOM!** David Michelinie, writer of **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN,** will scribe these new adventures. How will Venom and Spidey resolve their long-standing hatred? The answer, Fingeroth revealed, is that they do — and they don't. "It's a complex process that spills over violently into the **VENOM** limited series," he added.

Venom wants to start a new life for himself, Michelinie said. "We're going to move Venom to San Francisco. After all, that was Eddie Brock's home town, and it's far enough away from New York that maybe he can avoid Spider-Man."

"It *would* be unbelievable if they both lived in the same town and didn't fight one another," he added wryly.

This gives us new, unusual settings — somewhere different than New York and Los Angeles, where so many stories take place. And, of course, we can still bring in any guest stars we want from elsewhere."

Michelinie went on, becoming more serious. "Venom still doesn't know exactly what he wants to do with his life. He hopes that something will suggest itself when he gets to San Francisco, but he soon finds that the move hasn't done him all that much good. He's still a wanted man, and as he's a psychopath as well, it's unlikely he's ever going to change that.

"The bottom line is, he can't even rent a room without being arrested!"

Michelinie elaborated. "He finds himself in the street, homeless! He's stunned, but before he can really react, he is befriended by a group of *other* homeless folks — these aren't ordinary *homeless* people, of course, they have a secret!" Michelinie stopped for a moment, considering. "One we won't go into now."

He went on. "They find him a new place to live — a new hideout, and they give him a new mission in life — and allies in that mission. Venom becomes a *protector of innocents*." Michelinie laughed. "Of course, he's still Venom, and he'll have strange ways of accomplishing that mission."

"It'll turn out that Venom's homeless friends have problems of their own. Seems that there's this guy — I guess you'd call him a mogul — who is both mysterious and lacking in ethics. He's out to get this particular group of homeless people for reasons that we won't discover for quite some time.

"While Venom is sorting all *that* out, a new danger will appear — an *Anti-Venom Squad*," he continued.

"This group was formed by the father of a guard Venom killed back at the Vault. The old man doesn't believe in 'forgive and forget,' and, having once been in Special Forces, he is able to call on a couple of buddies to help him find and destroy the thing that killed his son.

"They have their own special, super-scientific weapons, and, as we know, Venom has some problems with fire and sonics. . ."

Michelinie added, "This all lets me explore Venom's reactions — after all, now he's being hunted in the same way he used to hunt Spider-Man. How will he relate to that? How will it affect him?" And though Venom may be trying to start a new life for himself, Spider-Man will decide he can't risk Brock being on the loose, and will pursue him to the West Coast.

How will Michelinie handle the rest of the Venom battle in the Spider-Man crossover? "In **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #'s 378-380,** Carnage gets his artificial suit and leads a group of other super-psychos on a rampage." As a result, Spidey and the most rigidly moral good guys go after them.

"At the same time, Venom, who feels responsible for Carnage, is thrown into a fit of righteous rage! How dare this cheap imitation hurt innocent people! Venom decides to stop him, and gathers his own forces — Solo, Cardiac, Morbius, and more — to finish Carnage in his own, inimitable way."

Michelinie grinned. "Of course, when Spidey and *his* crew meet Venom and *his* crew. . . you get the picture!"

While all this is going on, **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN** also has big things brewing — including a new writer.

"Yes, that's me," said Terry Kavanagh. "I get to pick up all the storylines that Howard Mackie left running. He's been dealing with the 'mob' side of New York — the kind of thing that Spider-Man always gets involved in fighting. The whole thing's been coming to a boil for a while, and I get to do the final explosion!

"In **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #'s 97-99,** I build the mob war between Bloodrose and Richard Fisk higher and higher — something's got to give! And in WEB #100, a 64-page giant, it does — we have the final conflict, the big battle between Spidey, Fisk, and Bloodrose!

"And we have something else. We're going to introduce a whole new cartel of super-villains, characters we've never encountered before. Then, in issues #101-103 we do our part of the Venom-Carnage crossover, with *our* characters mixing into the general melee between Spidey, Carnage, and Venom."

Kavanagh continued. "We're also going to introduce a totally new super hero in #100, someone who we'll build up an introduction to in issues #98 and #99. Afterwards, we get deeper into our new storylines — we'll have a completely new definition of Bloodrose. He'll become the 'Punisher' of the Spider-Man books, someone who goes out there and kills the bad guys! Fisk will get a whole new look as well."

"He doesn't want to kill them or chop them apart."

Kavanagh nodded. "It'll be a whole new **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN,** with a lot of surprises!"

The crossover continues in **SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN,** but with a different slant: "The thing that appealed most to me in this crossover," said J.M. DeMatteis, writer of **SPECTACULAR,** "was the chance to contrast the personalities and characters of the good, heroic guys, and their psycho counterparts."

Expanding on this, DeMatteis said, "Spidey is a decent sort of guy, a true hero, one who fights for justice. He just wants to get the bad buys off the streets. He doesn't want to kill them or chop them apart.

"In this crossover, we get a chance to contrast *that* attitude, the true, pure palladin aspect of heroism with the darker 'heroes,' guys like Solo, who think the ends justify the means. I don't really believe in that, and my contribution to this crossover will be a look into the depths of these characters, exploring their psyches in the midst of this huge melee.

"It should be a lot of fun," he said enthusiastically. "Of course, this will all come after I finish my current story line. And I've got to tell you, it's the culmination of everything I've been doing since I started writing Spidey. The finale — personal, physical, and psychological — of the battle between Spidey and Green Goblin."

So for Spider-Man, fresh from his hectic anniversary year, there's no rest on the horizon.

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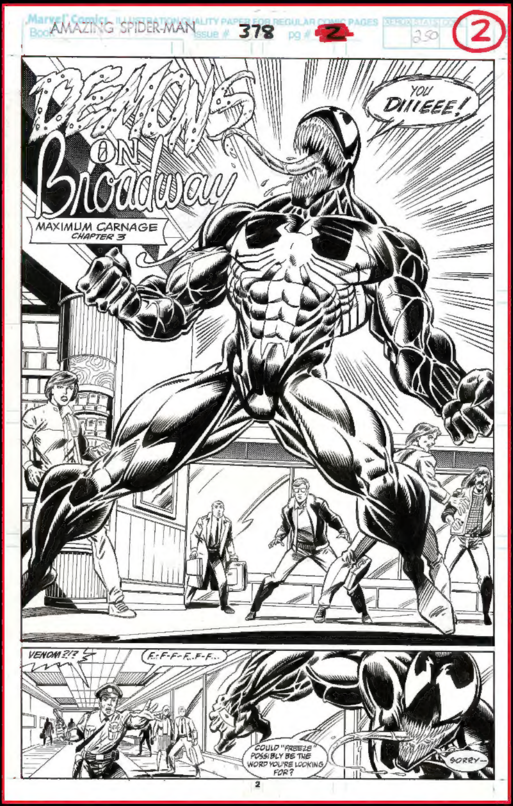
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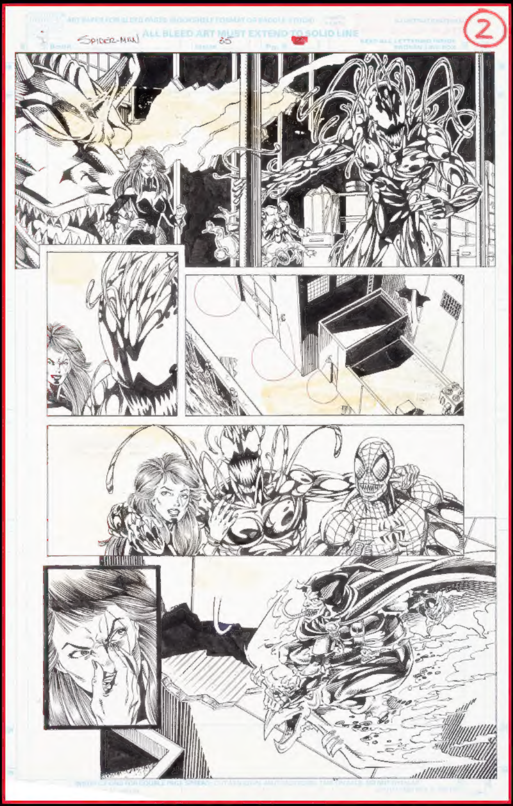
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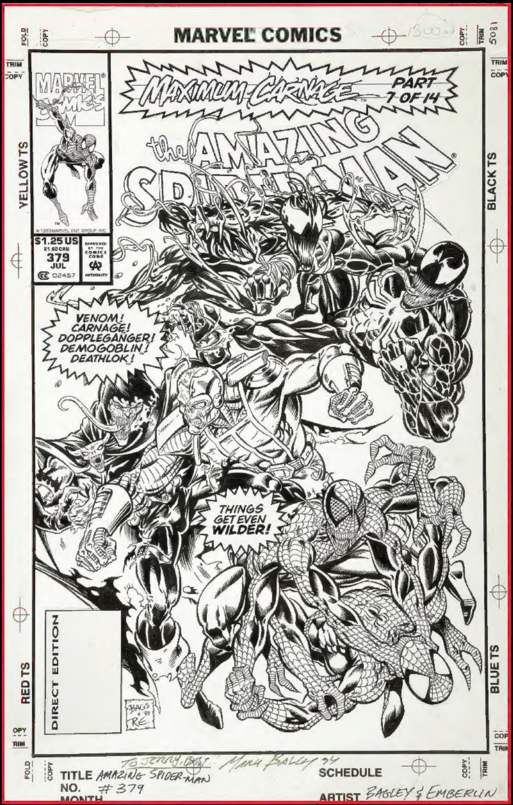
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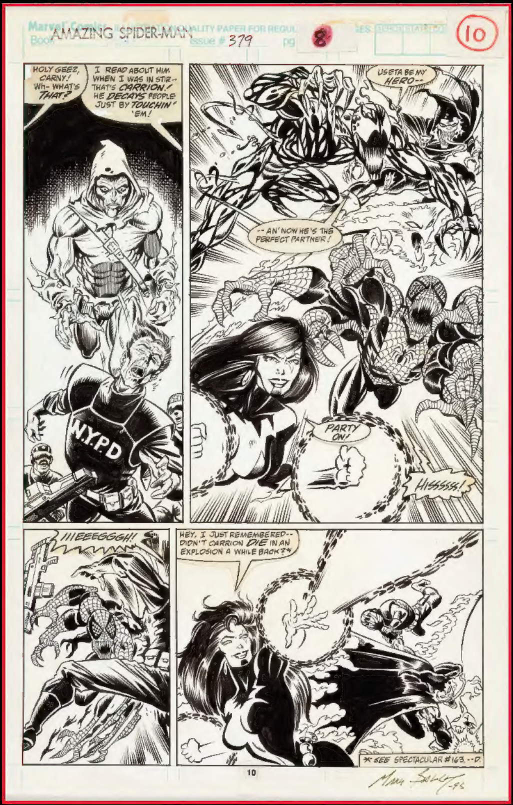
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USETA BE MY HERO--
--AN' NOW HE'S THE PERFECT PARTNER!
PARTY ON!
HISSSSSS!
IIIIEEEEGGGH!
HEY, I JUST REMEMBERED-- DIDN'T CARRION DIE IN AN EXPLOSION A WHILE BACK?*
* SEE SPECTACULAR #163. --D.
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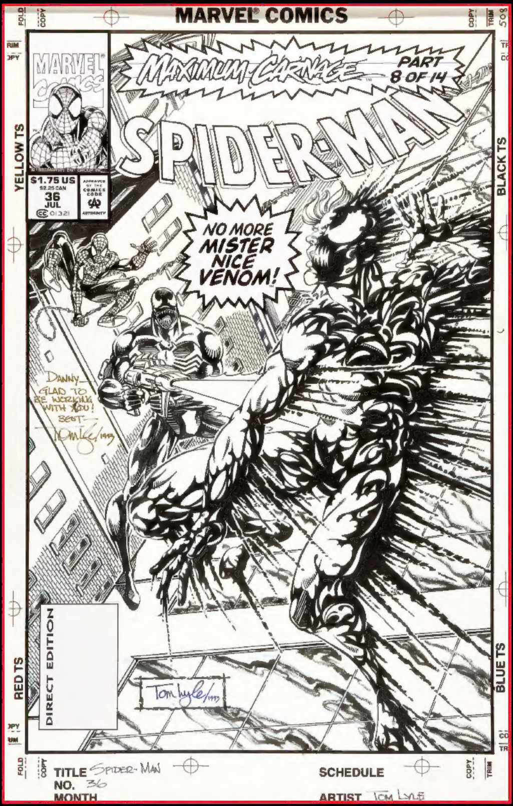
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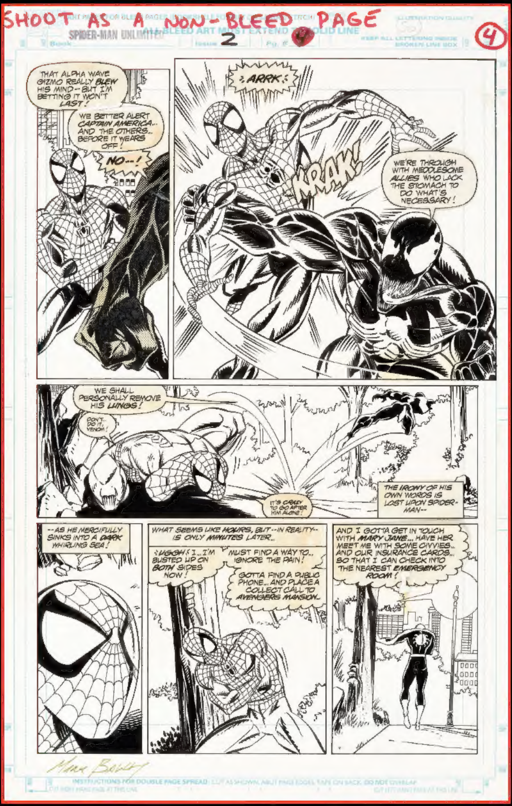
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THAT ALPHA WAVE GIZMO REALLY BLEW HIS MIND-- BUT I'M BETTING IT WON'T LAST!
WE BETTER ALERT CAPTAIN AMERICA... AND THE OTHERS... BEFORE IT WEARS OFF!
NO--!
ARRK
KRAK!
WE'RE THROUGH WITH MEDDLESOME ALLIES WHO LACK THE STOMACH TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY!
WE SHALL PERSONALLY REMOVE HIS LUNGS!
DON'T... DO IT, VENOM!
IT'S CRAZY TO GO AFTER HIM ALONE!
THE IRONY OF HIS OWN WORDS IS LOST UPON SPIDER-MAN--
--AS HE MERCIFULLY SINKS INTO A DARK WHIRLING SEA!
WHAT SEEMS LIKE HOURS, BUT--IN REALITY--IS ONLY MINUTES LATER...
UGGH! I... I'M BUSTED UP ON BOTH SIDES NOW!
MUST FIND A WAY TO... IGNORE THE PAIN!
GOTTA FIND A PUBLIC PHONE... AND PLACE A COLLECT CALL TO AVENGERS MANSION...
AND I GOTTA GET IN TOUCH WITH MARY JANE... HAVE HER MEET ME WITH SOME CIVVIES... AND OUR INSURANCE CARDS... SO THAT I CAN CHECK INTO THE NEAREST EMERGENCY ROOM!
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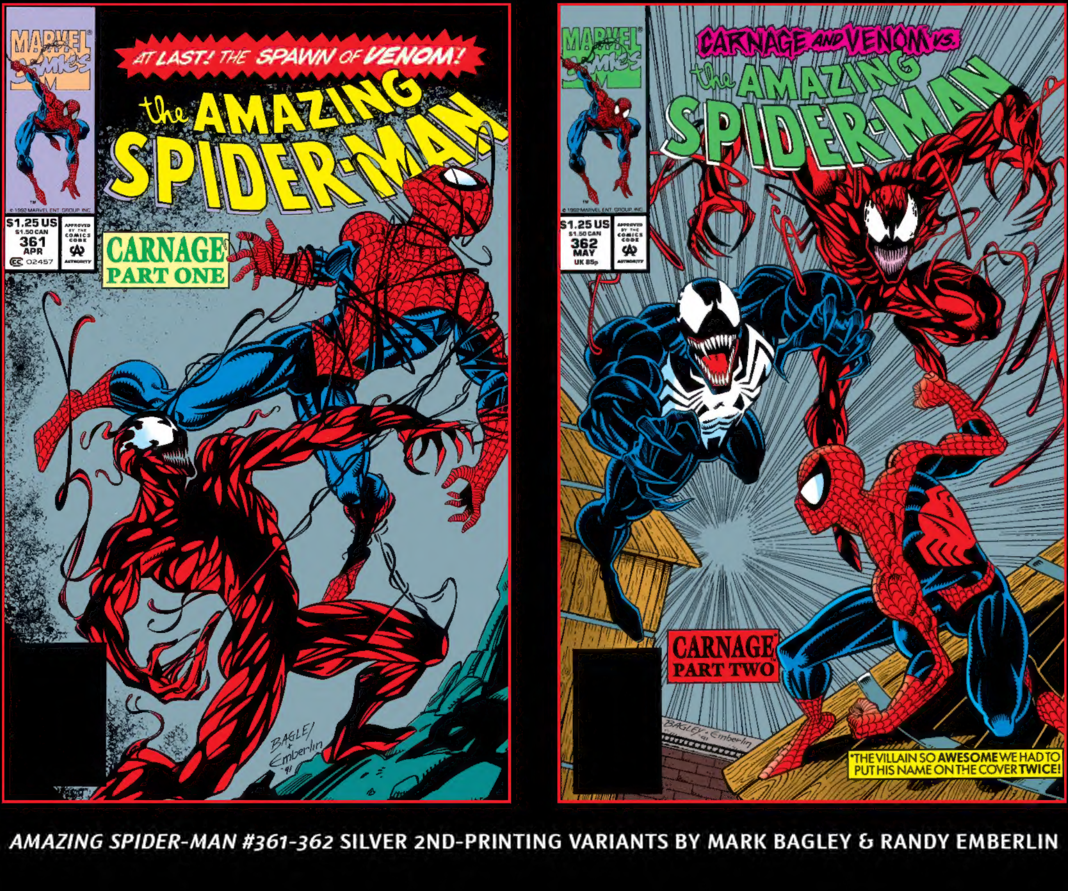
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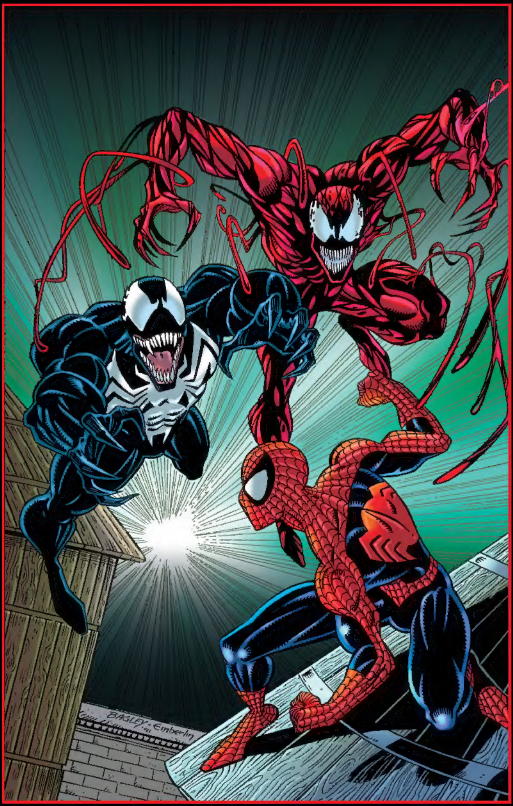

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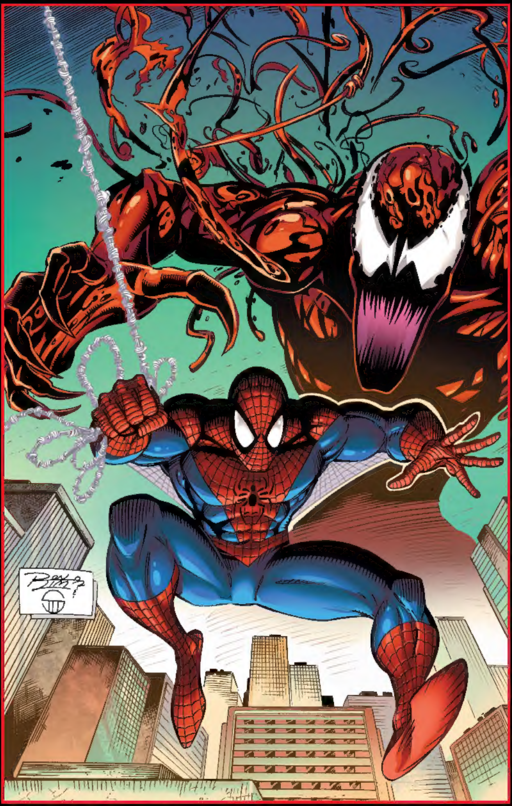

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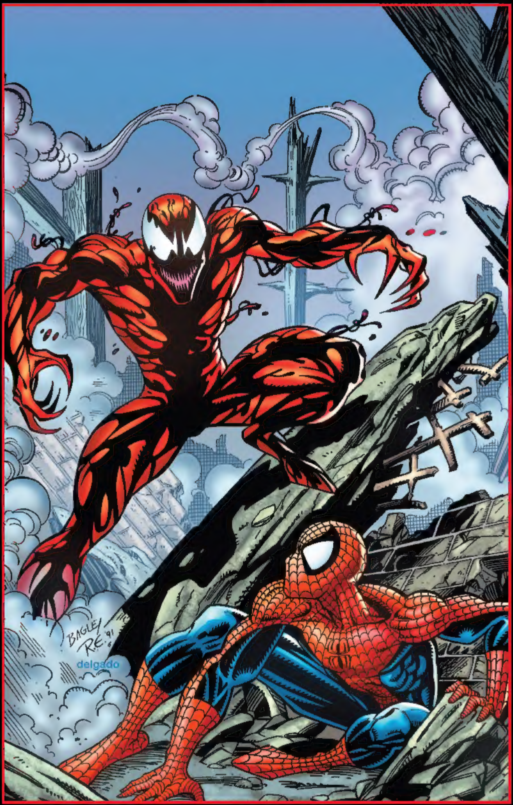

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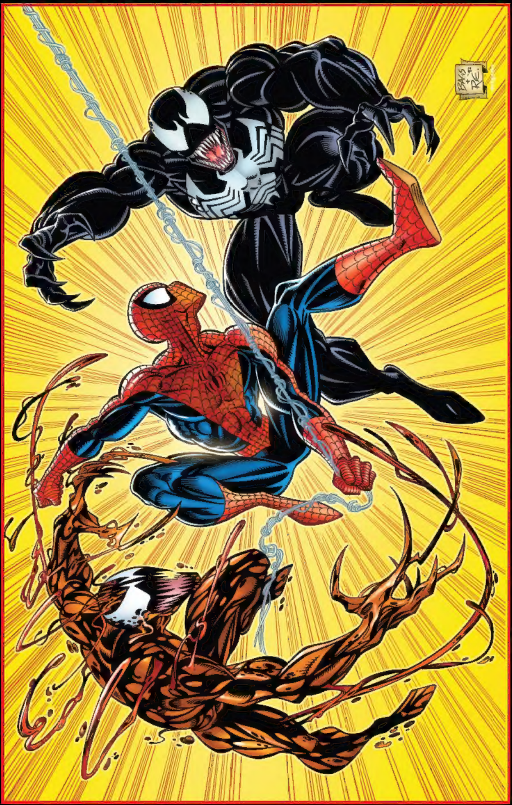

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